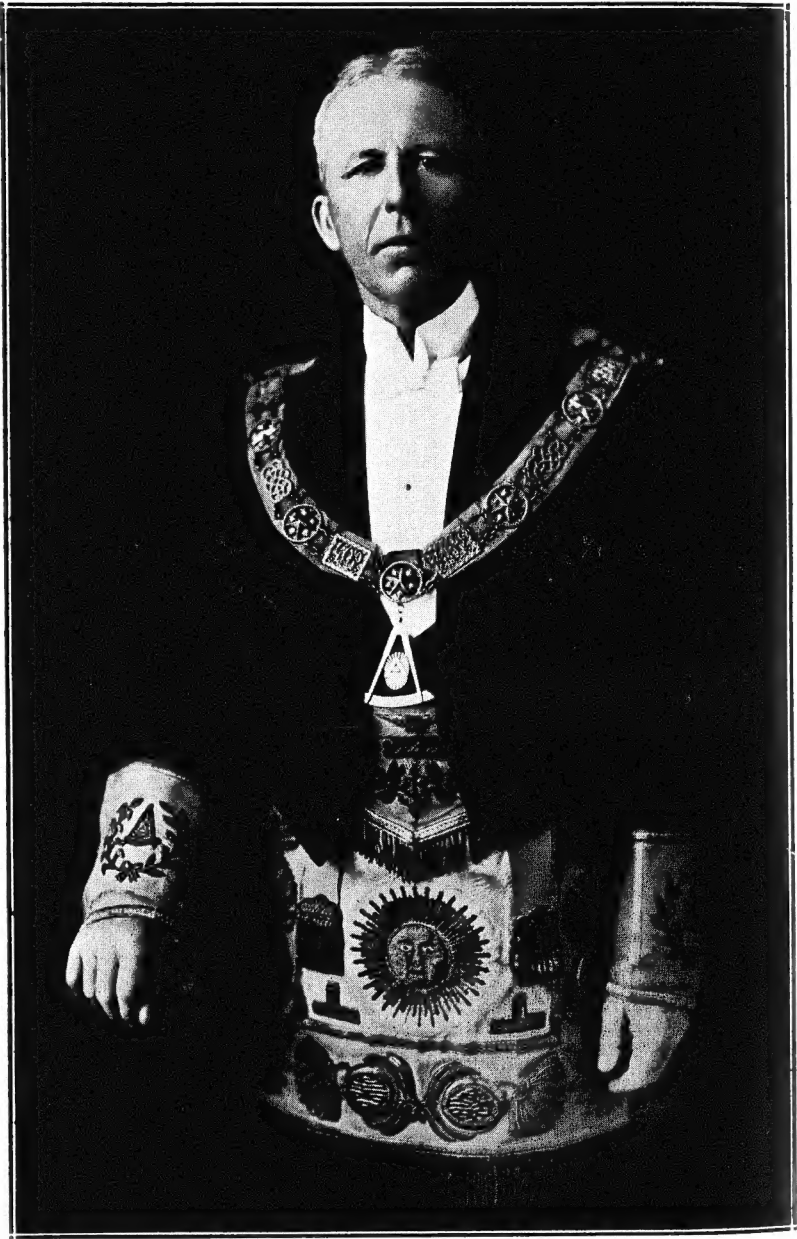




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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on August 21st, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. T. F. English	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. E. Hall	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	as Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. W. R. Davis	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. A. Ackland	as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. H. E. Howard	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. F. Truesdale	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. D. F. Christie	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. R. W. Ward	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. J. W. Skene	as Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Jesse Rockley	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3:00 o'clock p.m. by M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of King George Lodge, No. 59, Calgary.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 21st day of August, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, the seventeenth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor William Egbert being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honourable Arthur Meighen being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honourable J. E. Brownlee being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship George H. Webster being Mayor of the City of Calgary.

M.W. Bro. T. F. English being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey being District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

W. Bro. Isaac Dawson being Worshipful Master of King George Lodge, No. 59, Calgary.

THIS CORNER STONE
of the
MASONIC HALL

was laid by M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and of citizens of the City of Calgary.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden, and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

An appropriate address was then delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the Town of Innisfail, in the Province of Alberta, on October 7th, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers.	as Grand Master
R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster.	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson	as Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt	as Grand Treasurer
W. Bro. R. M. Archer	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. J. G. Goddard	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. J. R. Moore	as Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. H. R. McDermott	as Junior Grand Deacon
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. A. D. McLean	as Grand Steward
Bro. J. Laidler	as Grand Steward
Bro. C. E. Sick	as Grand Steward
Bro. F. D. Stevenett.	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. A. Lennox.	as Grand Pursuivant
Bro. A. L. Baynham	as Grand Tyler

and a large number of brethren from many of the lodges in the Fourth Masonic District and other points.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 3:00 o'clock p.m. by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, acting Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, Innisfail.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, on behalf of the W.M., Officers and Members of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, A.F. & A.M., in a brief address welcomed M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and presented him with a Gavel suitably inscribed.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE
GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 7th day of October, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, the seventeenth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency Lord Willingdon being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor William Egbert being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honourable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. T. F. English being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.
R.W. Bro. William H. Jackson being District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Gudmundur T. Sveinson being Worshipful Master of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, Innisfail.

THIS CORNER STONE
of the
MASONIC HALL

was laid by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Past Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the Town of Innisfail.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden, and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Appropriate addresses outlining the principles of Masonry as applied to the district were delivered by the acting Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, W. Bro. R. M. Archer and others.

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GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-second Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Ball Room of the Palliser Hotel, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 8, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest	Deputy Gr. Master
R.W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey (28), Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Robert S. Wight (55), Bassano	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69), Viking	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Jackson (8), Innisfail	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John R. Adams (79), Sedgewick	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Gilmore (67), Lethbridge	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Robert Crichton (26), Hillcrest	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John R. Mackie (45), Alix	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart (24), Vermilion	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Watkin E. Watkins (84), Champion	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte (113), Three Hills	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton	Sr. Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58), Cardston	Jr. Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1), Calgary	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Robert H. Lyttle (77), Edmonton	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Wm. R. Davis (23), Calgary	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Wm. H. Hiscocks (5), Banff	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26), Hillcrest	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Alexander Riddick (51), Edmonton	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. David A. Simpson (39), Lethbridge	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1), Calgary	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. C. L. Cooper (136), Barons	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (4), Lethbridge	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Sam J. Blair (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Lacombe	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton	Past Grand Master

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Arizona.....	R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby.....	Calgary
Canada.....	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	Calgary
California.....	M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers.....	Lacombe
Colorado.....	R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart.....	Calgary
Connecticut.....	R.W. Bro. Chas. V. Bennett.....	Stettler
England.....	M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.....	Edmonton
Idaho.....	M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb.....	Lethbridge
Illinois.....	R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Indiana.....	W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg.....	Edmonton
Ireland.....	R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Hall.....	Calgary
Kansas.....	M.W. Bro. Sam J. Blair.....	Calgary
Mississippi.....	R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris.....	High Prairie
Montana.....	R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher.....	Carbon
New Zealand.....	R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell.....	Edmonton
North Dakota.....	R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid.....	Vegreville
Nova Scotia.....	R.W. Bro. John Gillespie.....	Calgary
Ohio.....	R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden.....	Edmonton
Oregon.....	W. Bro. W. G. Evans.....	Didsbury
Quebec.....	R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.....	Calgary
Queensland.....	R.W. Bro. Thos. Rankine.....	Calgary
Saskatchewan.....	M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.....	Red Deer
South Australia.....	R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands.....	Edmonton
Tennessee.....	R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin.....	Edmonton
Victoria.....	V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Beart.....	Edmonton
Virginia.....	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin.....	Calgary
Washington.....	M.W. Bro. T. F. English.....	Calgary
Wisconsin.....	M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher.....	Calgary

PAST MASTERS

R.W. Bro. James R. Flan.....	No. 1
R.W. Bro. John Gillespie.....	" 1
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OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The W.M. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF GUEST

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He was graciously received at the altar by the Grand Master and welcomed with honors and invited to be seated on the dais.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite was directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, Bro. F. E. Osborne. His Worship, in a brief but eloquent address, cordially welcomed the delegates to the City of Calgary, and the W.M. the Grand Master replied in fitting terms, expressing the heartfelt thanks of all the delegates for their hospitable reception and the many tokens of love and hospitality showered upon the members of this Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge was then read by the Grand Secretary. The representatives present were welcomed by the Grand Master in suitable terms and were requested to convey the best wishes and courtesies of this Grand Lodge to the sister Grand Lodges which they respectively represented.

R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, near this Grand Lodge, replied as follows:

M.W. Sir:

We stand in your Grand Lodge today, representatives of the links of a chain finer than pure gold, a chain welded in world-wide expression of that grandest ideal, the Brotherhood of Man. You, Most Worshipful Sir, representative of one of the newest links in that chain, have welcomed us here in words befitting the contributions, made by the Jurisdictions we represent, to the great ideal and for these words I am privileged, on behalf of my fellow representatives, to tender sincere thanks.

We observe, from year to year, the steady growth of your jurisdiction and view with pride your contribution to the two main ob-

jectives of Craft Masonry, stressed today as they have never been before—Service and Education. Progress is never delineated by an inclined plane but rather by a series of long and laboriously conquered steps to the summit, and if at times it seems that the fighting line of Masonic effort apparently halts, this is but a sign of regirding and reconcentration of forces for the assault on the next citadel of ignorance and false view. As is evidenced by their annual reports, the Grand Jurisdictions of the world are ascending the steps, one by one, and if new problems grow from old ones conquered and the goal is ever distant, we feel that the torch thrown to us by the brethren who have passed to the great reward is being worthily carried forward by the Masons of the world. Among them your own young and virile Grand Lodge of Alberta is taking a yeoman share, and for this we representatives of older jurisdictions are proud to congratulate you. We are happy to be associated with you in your deliberations and feel sure that they will be conducted for the greatest good of your brethren.

We shall be pleased, indeed, to convey to the Grand Masters of our several jurisdictions your expressions of good will and fraternal regard.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-first Annual Communication, held in the town of Banff on June 9th and 10th, 1926, and as appeared in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

Brethren;

I tender you my hearty welcome to this twenty-second annual communication of our Grand Lodge and I offer you my congratulations that so many of us, who met together a year ago, are once more, through God's infinite goodness, privileged to be here present to exchange the brotherly grip and wish one another future comfort, happiness and prosperity. Years are passing, age is advancing, but the heart does not feel deadened, nor is the gladness lessened that is felt in shaking each other by the hand again. Some one has written:

"Sweet is the hour that brings us home,
When all will spring to meet us;
Where hands are striving, as we come,
To be the first to greet us."

FRATERNAL DEAD

While in the midst of this reunion of goodfellowship and rejoicing in our own good health, prosperity and happiness, let us not forget those worthy and distinguished brethren of our own and foreign jurisdictions who have passed to their great reward. Arise brethren, and stand for a moment with bowed heads in silent reflection on their many virtues.

During the year 1926 the Grim Reaper has been busy and fifty-nine of our lodges have lost ninety-one members, and from foreign jurisdictions the death of many distinguished brethren has been reported. For full particulars in each case I would refer you to the reports of our Grand Secretary and the Committee on Necrology.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow and regret that I mention the very recent and untimely death of two of our well beloved brethren; R. W. Bro. George F. Auxier of Castor, P.D.D.G.M., who died on April 19th, 1927, and V. W. Bro. Hugh S. Stainsleigh of Hussar, who died April 14th, 1927. Bro. Stainsleigh was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year at the district meeting held at Bassano last October. These brethren were greatly esteemed and highly respected, not only by Masons but by all classes of the community in which they resided.

To the families of all our deceased brethren our hearts go out in sympathy in their sad bereavements—

"Loving friends; be wise and dry
Straightway every weeping eye.
What you left upon the bier
Is not worth a single tear;
'Tis a simple sea-shell, one
Out of which the pearl has gone.
The shell was nothing, leave it there;
The pearl—the soul—was all, is here."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

As to the condition, fraternally and otherwise, of the Order through the jurisdiction, I can only say that I have reason to deem it satisfactory during the year. No matter of a serious, contentious nature has come before me, and I am happy to say that peace and harmony prevail.

The customary annual reports of our loyal and painstaking D.D. G.M.'s will corroborate the foregoing and give you actual and definite information regarding our spiritual and material progress, and these reports will be supported by the returns of our energetic and eminently useful Grand Secretary and our worthy and faithful Grand Treasury.

It is fitting to here state, that Grand Lodge this year, was most fortunate in having such an able staff of District Deputy Grand Masters. They have all been zealous workers in the interest of Masonry; all have visited the lodges under their charge once, and in many cases twice, during the year. They have given cheerfully of their time and money in the performance of any and all duties assigned to them, therefore Grand Lodge and I personally owe them a deep debt of thanks and gratitude.

Our finances are in a very healthy condition. The Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a balance for the year of \$5,228.27 in our current account, after meeting all expenses. The per capita fee for this purpose has not been changed since the formation of our Grand Lodge.

Our Benevolent Fund Capital Account has now reached the substantial amount of \$115,503.33. All appeals on our Relief Fund have been met by the Committee on Benevolence. I desire particularly to thank the members of this committee for the arduous and faithful services performed by them during the past year.

CHARTERS

Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, granted charters to six lodges, and I was privileged to constitute three of these lodges.

On June 24th, accompanied by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden, I arrived in Jasper and with their assistance, constituted and consecrated Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, and its officers were duly installed by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

I desire to thank the brethren of Jasper Park Lodge for their cordial reception and thoughtful care in arranging for our entertainment and comfort, which made our sojourn in the National Park most pleasant and much enjoyed.

On June 29th, in Drumheller, I, with the assistance of M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, R. W. Bro. M. L. Chapman, D. D. G. M., and the officers and Past Masters of Symbol Lodge, constituted and consecrated Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, the officers being installed by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

We were royally received and splendidly entertained by the brethren of Drumheller, which made our visit very pleasant indeed.

It was very pleasing to note the enthusiastic manner in which the officers and members of Symbol Lodge, No. 93, assisted in the cere-

monies and I have no misgivings as regards the future harmonious relations of the brethren residing in Drumheller.

On the evening of July 8th, I constituted and consecrated Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, and was assisted by M. W. Bros. Norman E. Carruthers and S. Y. Taylor, who accompanied me to Edmonton for that purpose. The installation of the officers was duly performed by the Grand Secretary.

The occasion brought out a large number of the Edmonton brethren. Our thanks are due to the officers of the new lodge who were unsparing in their efforts to make our all too short visit pleasant and enjoyable.

I desire to thank R. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden, and the brethren who assisted him in constituting, consecrating and installing the officers of St. Alban's Lodge No. 145, which took place at St. Paul de Metis on July 29th and M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor for his services in constituting consecrating and installing the officers of Gratton Lodge, No. 144, at Irma, on July 9th, and of Efficiency Lodge, No. 141, at Hughenden, on July 10th.

NEW LODGES

Dispensations for the formation of new lodges were granted and they were severally instituted as follows:

Northland Lodge at Waterhole, on July 30th, by R. W. Bro. P. H. Belcher, D. D. G. M.

Mayerthorpe Lodge at Mayerthorpe, on November 27th, by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gilfillan, D.D.G.M.

Rosebud Lodge at Rosebud, on April 13th, by R. W. Bro. M. L. Chapman, D.D.G.M.

DEDICATION OF LODGE ROOMS

On December 3rd I dedicated the new hall of King George Lodge, No. 59, and on March 10th I performed a like ceremony for Innisfail Lodge, No. 8. The brethren of these two lodges are to be congratulated on having, through their own efforts, supplied lodge rooms of which they have every reason to be proud. I desire to thank the several distinguished brethren who assisted me in the ceremonies.

LAYING CORNER STONES

On the invitation of King George Lodge, No. 59, Calgary, I, on the 21st of August, had the great honor and pleasure of performing the ceremony of laying the corner stone of their splendid little temple, since completed, and the brethren of that lodge are deserving of all praise for the energetic and determined manner in which they carried out the resolution that has given them a beautiful lodge room with all modern requisites. A large number of brethren assembled and participated in the function and I am indebted to M. W. Bros. Selwood, Kemmis and Blair, R. W. Bros. Chauncey, Flan and Macaulay for their support and assistance. I also wish to thank the officers and brethren of King George Lodge for the beautiful gavel, the handiwork of Bro. D. S. McIlroy the architect of their temple, presented to me as a memento of the happy occasion.

I also received an invitation from Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, to lay the corner stone of their temple on October 7th, but much to my regret I

was unable to undertake it. However, M. W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers kindly consented to act for me and I have no doubt the ceremony was performed to the perfect satisfaction and delight of those present.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I regret that owing to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend all the District Meetings. However, where I found it impossible to be present, the breach was ably filled by a Past Grand Master, and I am under great obligation to M. W. Bros. Kemmis, Selwood, Botterill, Carruthers and H. C. Taylor, who so cheerfully gave of their time and talents on those occasions.

This year each district meeting devoted its time to a consideration of the third degree, the exemplification being followed by a very instructive general discussion on all features of the work, after which an inspiring address on the symbolism and teachings of the degree was delivered by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and I am confident that much information and benefit were derived from the sessions, by those present, that will assist all lodges in the jurisdiction towards a correct rendering of that sublime degree—a condition so much desired by Grand Lodge.

The social side of our district gatherings is not being overlooked, nor should it, for hospitality is a true Masonic virtue. Needless to say we were splendidly entertained, in fact nothing was spared that would add to our enjoyment and I have no doubt the M. W. brethren who attended meetings on my behalf, met with the same thoughtful care and kindly attention, and I thank the D.D.G.M.'s and brethren for their generous hospitality.

VISITATIONS

The number of lodges in the jurisdiction has so increased that is now practically impossible for the Grand Master to visit each member of our family during his year, consequently the district meetings to a large extent take the place of the old time visits. This, in a way, is to be regretted, especially with regard to the small and weaker lodges, which, as a rule are so situated as to be out of intimate touch with Masonic activities. As a consequence a visit from the Grand Master is of great benefit to them and having that thought in mind, it was my desire and intention to do considerable visiting, but my time was not my own, therefore my visitations were limited, and of these I will mention only three.

My first official act was a visit to Calgary Lodge, No. 23, on June 18th. I had the honor of being the first Worshipful Master of this lodge and am still an active Life Member. I was accompanied by many present and past Grand Officers and a most pleasant and social time was enjoyed. During the evening the W. M., W. Bro. W. F. Howard, on behalf of the lodge, presented me with the handsome gavel I am today using. This expression of fraternal good will and loyalty coming from brethren with whom I have been intimately associated for the past twenty-one years, was appreciated more than I can find words to express and with the possibility of being considered egotistical, I believe the many kind thoughts given expression to on that occasion were, at least to a small extent, to me personally and not altogether on account of the high position in the Craft which I happened to fill.

On February 10th, in company with R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, and a number of brethren of Crescent Lodge, I visited Rockyford Lodge, No. 123, when R. W. Bro. Chauncey delivered an interesting address on "A Mason's Attitude Towards the Four Great Institutions of Mankind," which was much appreciated by those present. As this was the occasion of the Lodge's Ladies' Night, proceedings in the lodge were cut short and all partook of a sumptuous banquet followed by a delightful dance, and I can only say that it was one of the most enjoyable affairs I have had the pleasure of attending. Rockyford brethren are surely past masters in the art of entertaining.

My last visit, on May 12th, was to Acadia Lodge, No. 11, South Edmonton, of which lodge I am a Life Member and previous to twenty-three years ago had, for several years, been an active member. On our arrival, the Grand Secretary and myself, were taken in charge by W. Bro. Chas. Flavin, to whom I am most grateful for having made it possible for me to visit many old friends, thus making my visit a real home coming.

This lodge was organized in 1896 with nine charter members, but sad to relate only three of us remain, W. Bro. The Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Bro. T. W. Lines and myself. The evening, at which there was present a large number of brethren from Edmonton—known in my day as "Cliff Dwellers"—was spent in reminiscences and an interesting exposition of the allegory set forth in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, by the Grand Secretary. At the banquet which followed, W. Bro. B. McLeod, on behalf of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 162, presented the Grand Secretary and myself, each with a beautiful Club Bag. I indeed find it so difficult to adequately express my feelings that I will not attempt to do so and will only say that the act, coupled with the kindly expressions of good fellowship by W. Bro. McLeod and other brethren, shall remain with me as one of the bright spots of my year.

INVITATIONS

I received a most cordial invitation from the M. W. the Grand Master of the State of Oregon, to attend their Seventy-fifth Anniversary in Portland, Oregon, on September 15th; from the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (In the Province of Ontario) to attend their Annual Communication in Port Arthur, Ontario, on July 21st, and from the W. M. of Jasper Lodge, No. 14, to attend their Twenty-fifth Anniversary in Edmonton on Monday, October 25th. It was with great regret that I found it impossible to accept any of these kind invitations.

COMMISSIONS

Upon the request of Ionic Lodge, No. 45, Alix, I appointed M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, a Commission to try a brother against whom a charge of un-Masonic conduct had been laid. The Commission found the charges to be true and the brother was reprimanded by the Commission for his conduct.

Upon the request of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54, Calgary, I appointed R. W. Bro. John Gillespie, W. Bro. Geo. W. Skene and W. Bro. J. V. Follett, a Commission to try a brother against whom a charge of un-Masonic conduct had been laid. Sufficient time has not been allowed for this Commission to take the necessary action thereon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

District Meetings

I would recommend that Grand Lodge provide a correct method for opening and closing District Meetings.

In this regard there is some confusion but as the constitution authorizes the holding of such meetings, it is not necessary that same be held under the auspices of a lodge. I am of the opinion that the officers of a lodge, called upon to officiate at the opening and closing of a district meeting, should follow their usual formula but instead of mentioning their lodge name and number, they declare the Annual District Meeting opened or closed, as the case may be.

HOME FOR THE AGED

A great many sister Grand Lodges have established and are maintaining homes for their destitute aged. Alberta has been a young man's country, consequently we have not felt a pressing need for an institution of that kind, but the time is fast approaching when the need will be felt and I strongly recommend that this Grand Lodge consider the advisability of establishing a foundation that will supply the home when the time arrives. It is understood that this is in no way to interfere with the Benevolent Fund.

CHURCH PARADES

I notice the tendency in sister jurisdictions is to curtail the issuance of dispensations authorizing the Craft to appear in public clothed in Masonic regalia for the purpose of attending Divine Service, and a number—our mother Grand Lodge, Manitoba, being one of them—have prohibited the granting of dispensations for that purpose. The desire of the brethren to attend Divine Service in a body at least once a year to hear a sermon specially prepared for them, is to be commended and encouraged but is the public parade clothed in regalia, necessary? Considering all things and especially the feelings of a large percentage of brethren who object and hence refuse to take part in a church parade, would it not be well to arrange for the sermon but have the brethren go direct from their homes to the place of worship, which I believe would be more in accord with the precepts of our Order. I recommend that the matter be taken under advisement. I am strongly of the opinion that there are but two occasions upon which Masons should appear in public clothed in regalia, viz., Masonic Funerals and Laying Corner Stones.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I desire to thank the brethren who have assisted me during the year, also the officers and brethren who made my visits to their lodges, events which will be remembered with pleasure to the end of my days, and in this connection I must especially mention the Grand Secretary, whose unfailing kindness, patience and invaluable assistance throughout the year virtually made the office of Grand Master a sine-cure.

The pleasant experiences of the year have been rich and numerous and while I have had anxious care, there has been great reward in the closer fellowship with brethren whom to know is to honor, admire and love. I am conscious of my short-comings and as I lay down the gavel of the Grand East, may I hope that you will once

again consign these short-comings to that oblivion which you evinced in electing me to this high office. May the Infinite Spirit of Life and Love and Wisdom and Power be ever with you.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the Grand Master's address as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication, and wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting: M.W. Bro. Walter M. Meier, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. H. W. Tyler, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Washington; M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario); M.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolfe-Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; also from M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, R.W. Bro. M. L. Chapman, and R.W. Bro. W. Gilfillan.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 31, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report upon the condition of Masonry, and items of special interest as I discovered them while visiting the various Lodges of District No. 1, as your personal representative.

This report was to have come from the pen of another—W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, who was duly elected at the District Meeting held in November, 1925, to the office of D.D.G.M. and was to have been installed in that office at the Annual Convention at Banff, in June, 1926. Unfortunately his promotion to Winnipeg by his home office made void his election and I had the honor to be unanimously chosen as his successor.

Upon assuming office I requested W. Bro. R. W. Ward to assist me as Secretary of the district, and to his splendid co-operation I pay willing tribute. How much easier the load is to carry with a willing anticipating secretary.

In order that you may get a digest of the condition and activities of the fifteen lodges in my district, I have prepared a table which I append for your information.

The first item of striking significance is the old trouble of outstanding dues. I have recommended to all the lodges in District No. 1 that a committee of two or three, preferably accountants, be appointed, whose duty it will be to begin the collection of dues at the beginning of the year and keep everlastingly at it until the end thereof; and by circular letters, personal letters, etc., to make plain to the brethren of their respective lodges, their duty in this connection. Men—even Masons—sometimes take shelter behind the cloak of Masonic charity, but it is not charity to those who carry the load to compel them to carry also the burden of the Masonic "slacker." The man who is not interested enough in Masonry to help support it, should pay his debts to it and take his dimit. He is of no use to the Order, nor the Order to him. A little house-cleaning would not do any harm. In the very rare instance where a brother is unable to meet his obligations, every possible courtesy and help should be extended, not only in the payment of dues but in helping him to his feet again. A warm heart and an open hand to a needy brother, but a cold shoulder to the slacker.

Throughout the entire district the Masters of the various lodges have, by the sincerity of their welcome of your representative, left no doubt as to the loyalty of the Craft to the Grand Master, and to

STATISTICAL REPORT OF D.D.G.M., DISTRICT No. 1.

Lodge	No.	Location	Membership	Average Attendance per Meeting	Attendance per cent of Membership	Degrees Conferred in 1926	Arrears of Dues Dec. 31, 1926	Net Assets including Property Value	Accommoda- tion
Bow River	1	Calgary	292	66	22.6	36	\$ 615.06	\$14,864.72	rents
Cascade	5	Banff	173	37.5	21.5	24	370.25	3,000.00	owns
Perfection	9	Calgary	421	43	10.2	23	1,566.50	24,566.27	rents
Calgary	23	Calgary	279	56	20	9	257.50	1,058.90	rents
Ashlar	28	Calgary	229	40	17.4	11	509.50	3,984.28	rents
Gleichen	36	Gleichen	90	20	22.2	12	526.00	6,225.00	owns
King Solomon	41	Cochrane	28	12	42.8	nil	100.00	571.91	rents
Strathmore	53	Strathmore	93	24	25.8	15	275.00	1,392.17	owns
Mt. Lebanon	54	Calgary	255	47	20.9	10	352.00	3,009.00	rents
King George	59	Calgary	296	60	20.2	21	333.36	11,325.83	owns
Zetland	83	Calgary	219	41.5	18.7	18	82.00	3,174.64	rents
Crescent	87	Calgary	222	47	21.1	22	563.50		owns
St. Mark's	118	Calgary	71	28	39.4	26	8.00		rents
Concord	124	Calgary	92	50	54.3	21	103.25	1,083.18	rents
Renfrew	134	Calgary	125	35	28	45	200.00	183.49	rents
							Average %	21	

the organization over which it is his privilege to preside. What greater opportunity could leadership demand? The Craft throughout the district are waiting for designs on the trestle board and eager to execute them. In the realm of Masonry, as indeed in almost every other, hearts are ready to respond to the call of the Pathfinder; to him, whose vision makes possible the application to the life of his own day and the problems of his own age the truth which has brought light and gladness to our forefathers in all the generations of the past. The garments in which it is presented change with the changing years but it must constantly serve - or perish.

STRATHMORE LODGE, No. 53

The D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 can always make his visits to the four lodges out of town an opportunity for some of the city brethren to enjoy the hospitality of the smaller lodges, who are ready and even anxious to entertain them, and be entertained. This was not possible on my visit to Strathmore, however, for the roads were well-nigh impassable, owing to the continued rains, and I had to make the trip alone by train. The inclemency of the weather affected the attendance, but W. Bro. C. B. Lait was on hand, as is his custom, coming a distance of seventeen miles across country to take his chair in the lodge. The S.W. came a similar distance. Such fidelity makes one wonder what city members of lodges feel their lodge is worth to them, or they to it.

Strathmore has enthusiastic officers, and capable too. Under the direction of the W.M. and his willing secretary—a Master Mason of only two years standing—the lodge is getting in better shape financially all the time. Outstanding dues are being collected; their lodge home, already free from debt, is being constantly improved, and their reserve fund growing. Strathmore simply has to “carry on” the good work. My first visit on September 6th offered opportunity for some suggestions that I hope will be helpful to this splendid lodge.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 5

Banff! In the heart of the world's most magnificent scenery, and all about you the mighty handiwork of a mighty Creator. A snow-storm had made motor travel impossible on the night of September 16th, when I visited Cascade Lodge No. 5, so the attendance was small—under twenty. I was disappointed in only one respect in Banff. On the back of the notice is a list of thirty Past Masters. Only two sat in the East with W. Bro. J. M. Watt. If that is usual, it is not complimentary to the Past Masters.

Cascade has a beautiful Masonic home; it cost \$17,000.00. The amount people pay for anything is a fair criterion of the value they place upon it. Evidently Cascade members place a high value on Masonry. The building was financed by the sale of \$10.00 bonds to the members. These bonds bear interest at 5 per cent and the life of the bond is twenty years. They can be re-sold only with the consent of the lodge.

I noticed that Cascade has no sinking or retiring fund. All receipts, initiation fees, etc., go into current account. All records are beyond criticism except the historical register, which has no item since 1922. A lot of history has been made by Cascade since then, and it should be recorded. It was a delight to me to witness the conferring of the Master Mason degree—and upon such a splendid candidate.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 41

The most praiseworthy lodge of the district. Despite wretched weather, a continued snow and rain storm, and that on the 17th of September, with all roads impassable, except the highway from Calgary to Banff, nine of the available fifteen members were on hand to welcome your representative, M.W. Sir, and the twenty visiting brethren, including M.W. Bro. Selwood, R.W. Bro. Irvine, W. Bro. W. J. McLeod and W. Bro. H. E. Howard from Ashlar. One brother rode twenty-seven miles and another seventeen on horseback to attend. It was scarcely fit for the horses to be out, let alone men, and a ride like that deserves mention. Cochrane has thirty members. Fifteen of them live long distances from the lodge.

Every Mason in the Cochrane district should feel the call of King Solomon Lodge No. 41 for help, and be eager to hold the torch high that its fire go not out. The very condition should appeal to the heroic in every man in the district. Their whole-hearted hospitality as revealed in the banquet degree will not be forgotten by the Calgary brethren for a long time.

GLEICHEN LODGE, No. 36

The snow-storm that had been playing havoc with everything in Alberta including the attendance of Masonic lodges, took a fresh lease of life as I arrived at Gleichen on September 21st. It was no night to invite a ten to fifteen mile drive, yet several of the brethren came that distance. Twenty-six of us assembled, however, and if numbers were lacking, that was all that was lacking in the opening and closing exercises and the conduct of regular business.

Gleichen has a good lodge premises and it is free of debt. About \$4,900.00 has been spent on it. This for a membership of eighty-nine.

I have noticed in the four lodges of District No. 1 outside the City of Calgary, that ordinarily regular business occupied the attention of the lodges for almost half an hour. This affords a golden opportunity for a study club to function at every regular meeting. A paper on a given subject could be read and discussed and a lot of Masonic knowledge gained thereby. The Grand Lodge Library will gladly furnish subjects and text books.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 28

This was the first of my city visits. The uppermost thought is gratitude that my own brethren should have given me the opportunity of this larger service to all the lodges in this district—a great honor; gratitude also for the magnificent reception tendered to me and a deep sense of humility that comes with the consciousness of being able so inadequately to measure up to the opportunity offered. At such times one longs for a message that will lay hold on heart strings, a message that will demonstrate the practicability of making abstract Masonic ideals concrete in every day life. It was such a message I tried to deliver after the splendid exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. Howard and his efficient officers.

About one hundred brethren were present, including W. Bro. Isaac Dawson, officers and members from King George Lodge, who were paying a fraternal visit. The very atmosphere was vibrant with "Brotherhood" and must have been productive of much good.

CALGARY LODGE, No. 23

Despite the attraction afforded by the lecture of Lowell Thomas, on October 18th, the same evening as Calgary Lodge's regular meeting, over thirty brethren were present to extend to your representative, M. W. Sir, a most courteous and hearty reception. W. Bro. Howard has the happy faculty of making one **feel** at home, and his handling of the regular business was a feature of the evening. There was a fine balance maintained of opportunity for relevant discussion and a promptness to close it at the right moment. Nothing dragged—a gift every sitting Master should cultivate. I noticed with regret though, what I see in so many lodges, a marked absence of Past Masters. Calgary Lodge, No. 23, has about eighteen available, and only five were present to support the Master.

It was 11:00 p.m. when we dispersed, and that after a splendid "get-together" at the refreshment table. Another creditable feature, and one which appeals strongly to the Mason's wife at home. "Lights out at eleven" would be a good Masonic motto.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 124

Right in the vanguard of matters Masonic is Concord Lodge, No. 124, M.W. Sir. They extended to me, as your representative, a very warm welcome. I visited Concord on October 2nd. It was their regular meeting. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Ellis and his regular officers. There wasn't a dull moment. They not only know their work but they know how to do it as well. Concord has five Past Masters. One of them, their first Master, lives in Saskatchewan and so of course cannot be at their meetings. All the others are present **every** meeting. That's loyalty and helpfulness. No wonder Concord is a healthy happy lodge.

BOW RIVER LODGE, No. 1

I visited Bow River Lodge, No. 1, on the evening of October 6th. It was their regular meeting. About sixty brethren were present. The feature of the business transacted was the discussion centering around their acceptance or rejection of the "Temple proposal." The Temple Committee circular asked if the Blue Lodges would be willing to become tenants of the proposed Masonic Temple at a per capita rental of \$5.00 per year. This would mean a rental of \$1,500.00 a year for Bow River. They now pay about \$400.00. There naturally arose a very interesting discussion conducted in the best possible spirit, while the proposal was viewed from every angle. The motion resulting advised the Temple Association that the brethren of Bow River felt the proposed rental higher than the funds of the lodge permitted, without a serious increase in dues, and declined to execute an agreement on the \$5.00 basis. I find throughout all the lodges, as in Bow River, a warm sympathy toward the Masonic Temple idea; the difficulty is purely one of finance.

KING GEORGE LODGE, No. 59

The unifying power of a common task is exemplified in King George Lodge. This is undoubtedly the hardest working lodge in this district. Frequently they meet together four times a month

and always have a goodly number. The task of erecting a temple of their own is now engaging their energies and they are enthusiastically carrying the work to completion, under the direction of a genial and competent Master, W. Bro. Isaac Dawson.

The night of my visit was their regular meeting, M.W. Sir. An efficient secretary presented me with a total balance to September 30th. In lodge the various committees brought in policies for the management of the new temple, its financing, etc. Following a now established custom, the English brethren presented the lodge with the three pedestals for the Master and his Wardens. A lovely altar, gavel, etc., had already been presented.

I had already selected the new King George Masonic Temple as the place for the district meeting, but found that the contractors had been delayed by inclement weather, so I had to reluctantly abandon the idea of giving King George, No. 59, a good start with that meeting. Your representative was royally received and a pleasant and I hope profitable evening was enjoyed.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 54

It was "Ladies' Night" on October 12th, when I visited Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54. The regular business was passed as expeditiously as possible and at 9:15 lodge was closed. The brethren and their guests were then entertained by a "Trip around the World," through the lens of a moving picture camera. This is a commendable feature and I think every lodge would do well in having one or two social gatherings a year when the home folks would have the opportunity of meeting and getting better acquainted. Some forms of entertainment of course lend themselves more easily to closer acquaintanceship than others. The methods vary, and matter little, so long as the object is attained.

Mount Lebanon is steadily forging ahead, taking care of its finances and doing splendid work.

RENFREW LODGE, No. 134

For a lodge with a membership of 125, M.W. Sir, to have an attendance of about one hundred is no small feat. Yet this was the condition that greeted your representative on the night of October 13th. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm, of which one was conscious even as you entered the room. I was prepared for efficient functioning of the lodge, by an inspection I had made before lodge opened, of the books and records. Renfrew is in a very enviable condition financially.

The first degree was conferred on four candidates. The proceedings were characterized by a thorough knowledge of ritualistic work and W. Bro. White was fortunate to have an "atmosphere" of sympathetic helpfulness in which to conduct the work of the degree. What a help this is to the Master who has really sensed and is trying to convey through the vehicle of the ritual, the inner meaning of the various degrees! Only under such conditions can he put his message "across" to his candidate. There were representatives from eighteen lodges, all over the continent, present at Renfrew that evening a tribute to the good fellowship of the lodge. Renfrew simply has to "carry on."

PERFECTION LODGE, No. 9

I had been looking forward to my visit to Perfection, the strongest numerically and financially in District No. 1, M.W. Sir, for quite a while. Perfection has over four hundred members and a long line of able Past Masters. There were about fifty members and some five or six Past Masters present on the night of my visit. Supporting W. Bro. Spankie were M.W. Bro. Connacher, R.W. Bro. D. O. McHugh, V.W. Bro. Tom Allan, W. Bros. McCracken and Eaton, and the District Secretary, W. Bro. R. W. Ward, a member of this lodge. But the long line of distinguished Past Masters who had helped build this splendid lodge—I wondered if they had lost interest, even in that which they had helped create. But their absence was compensated by the genuine warmth of kindness displayed by those who were present and evidenced at every opportunity by W. Bro. Spankie and his fellow members. Each vied with the other to do honor to your representative, M.W. Sir.

After a smartly conducted business session, the banquet room found the brethren enjoying a social hour of clean healthy fun interspersed with more serious items, as from one and another at the invitation of the W.M., some thought that lay hidden in the heart, found expression and a ready response in others. W. Bro. Ward received a good natured 'roasting' from his brethren and the whole atmosphere was charged with comradeship—just as it should always be. At 11:00 p.m. the Junior Warden's toast ended a delightful evening.

DISTRICT MEETING, November 6th

The urgent need of a suitable Masonic Temple in Calgary was very much in evidence on November 6th, M.W. Sir, when in response to your summons the brethren of District No. 1 met in annual convocation.

The afternoon program, which began at 2:15 with the registration of the brethren, was full of interest and instruction. Lodge was opened at 2:30 by the W.M. and officers of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, who received the District Deputy Grand Master with appropriate honors. Your representative then assumed the chair and with the hundred and fifty brethren present received the M.W. the Grand Master and his officers, M.W. Bros. S. Y. Taylor and W. M. Connacher, custodians of the Canadian and York Rite Works respectively. The Grand Master was tendered a hearty reception and saluted with Grand Honors.

After the minutes of the previous meetings had been read by the District Secretary, W. Bro. R. W. Ward, and the place of meeting for 1927 decided, W. Bro. A. T. Spankie of Perfection Lodge No. 9, was invited to assume the chair and with his officers exemplify the third degree of Masonry as practised in the Ancient York Rite. Seldom, if ever, have the brethren witnessed such a remarkable demonstration of this beautiful drama, for not only was it rendered word-perfect, but there was in evidence that intangible quality which gripped the gathering and held it tense, until the last word had been spoken. As a fitting complement came the duet, "Watchman, what of the Night?" by Bros. Quinney and McKee, emphasizing still further the glorious hope of immortality, and forming a fitting prelude to a remarkable address by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor on the "Symbolism of the Third Degree." At 5:45 the brethren were called from labor to refreshment for the space of two hours, and at 8:00 p.m. lodge was reconvened by the W.M. and officers of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54. The chair

being assumed by the D.D.G.M., M.W. Bro. Taylor was asked to reply to the questions that had been sent in by the brethren. Some of these were as follows:

1. Is the legend of the third degree historically accurate?
2. Has the phraseology of the third degree any symbolic meaning?
3. What are the genuine secrets of a Master Mason?
4. What do you understand by "In the centre"?
5. The correct way to call off and on.
6. Should the sitting Master of a lodge sign a petitioner's application for either initiation or affiliation?

A solo by Bro. Bell, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren, preceded the splendid address by the M.W. the Grand Master, dealing also with some of the many aspects of the symbolism of the third degree. The election of the District Deputy Grand Master for 1927 followed and resulted in the election of W. Bro. S. McCracken of Perfection Lodge No. 9, to that high office, his acceptance being warmly applauded by the brethren. A duet by Bros. Quinney and Bell followed. How much we owe to those brethren who freely give of their splendid talents in music, to the enrichment of our lives, and how easily we take as a matter of course that which has cost many weary hours and even years of preparation! A suitable finale came next, in the brilliant and scholarly address by Bro. (Dr.) W. G. Hardy, Professor of Classics at the University of Alberta who for almost an hour held his audience with his address on "Brotherhood." In tracing the rise and development of the Brotherhood idea and ideals, he brought in review the necessities which produced them in their historic order—the blood brotherhood; the brotherhood of a common material interest; and finally the brotherhood of a common and unselfish idealism. Interspersed through the address were flashes of humor that were a delight to the brethren, and on the conclusion of it, M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, in a suitably worded motion, seconded by M. W. Bro. Connacher, spread on the minutes a record of our appreciation and of our indebtedness to the speaker.

It was a remarkable meeting. The evening session taxed the capacity of the hall, but owing to the careful preparation made by W. Bro. R. W. Ward, the untiring District Secretary, there was no "hitch" in the proceedings from start to finish. An hour of refreshment and song, assisted by Bro. Max Bishop, by the kind offices of the Haydn Quartette and by Bro. Harry Rimmer, brought the evening to a close. The total cost of the district meeting was 4½ cents per member of the city lodges.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 118

I visited St. Mark's Lodge on October 8th. This lodge made a record in the district last year for the collection of dues. From present appearances it looks as if they would duplicate the same this year. If so, this will be two years in succession with no outstanding dues.

St. Mark's are doing good work under great difficulties, but these will soon be a thing of the past as they hope to be in their new home next year. This is quite an ambitious undertaking for a lodge of seventy members, but an extraordinary amount of work can be accomplished by a united enthusiastic lodge, such as St. Mark's.

A very cordial reception was tendered your representative, M.W. Sir, who found everything in excellent order. The work of the secre-

tary is worthy of special mention, as by his constant application he is able to present the actual financial standing of the lodge up to the hour of opening at each regular meeting. Small wonder there are no dues outstanding.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 87

For a lodge of two hundred and twenty-six members to own free of debt a comfortable, well ventilated, splendidly equipped home of its own, and at a figure of less than \$6,000.00 shows not only initiative and resourcefulness, but the ability to "buy right and at the right time." This is the happy condition prevailing in Crescent No. 87, as I found it on my visit of October 9th. This may be accounted for by the number of fine Scotchmen who form quite a portion of its membership. The meeting was full of life and interest from start to finish, ably presided over by W. Bro. J. H. Ross. The reception of the various reports showed an active membership. The report of one committee, under the chairmanship of Bro. Banks, who had conducted a very successful "Father and Son Night," was of particular interest to your representative. From the report it appeared that the sons were brought to an invitation lodge meeting, by the fathers, were presented to the W.M., welcomed by him and conducted to their seats. A specially prepared agenda was then proceeded with, similar to the usual one of a regular meeting. At the conclusion a banquet was served, the toasts being responded to by the sons. This is a splendid idea and worthy of emulation. It brings the Masons of tomorrow under the right influences at the right time of their lives. I should like to see every lodge hold a "Father and Son Night." I am sure Crescent Lodge would be glad to give them the benefit of their experience in working out details.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 83

Most Worshipful Sir: I closed my first series of visits, made practically entirely on the night of the regular meeting of the various lodges, with my visit to Zetland Lodge No. 83 on November 12th, when W. Bro. Andrews extended to me a welcome that left no doubt as to its sincerity. It was the wish of the W.M. and his efficient Secretary, R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, that I visit Zetland on their big annual event—Military Night on November 22nd, but I felt I wanted to see, during my first visit especially, the lodges of District No. 1 at their ordinary regular routine rather than when they were having a big "party." This feature, though, of holding special nights as is now the established custom of several lodges, is to be commended for the unusual interest it evokes and for the gathering together of many brethren who are irregular in their attendance. Zetland is functioning normally and in good condition.

Beginning the second series of visits on April 14th, I had the pleasure of meeting with every lodge in my district with the exception of Gleichen, where no degree work was being done this spring. The object of my second visit particularly was to see the exemplification of degrees, and I am glad to be able to report that, with one exception, every Master in District No. 1 is doing splendid work. As my successor will probably visit each lodge during the coming autumn, I shall leave to him the opportunity to report on the condition of the lodges under the guidance of the 1927 Masters.

In closing, I should like to make special reference to a meeting of all the lodges, under the auspices of Bow River Lodge No. 1, called for

the purpose of attending Divine Service at Knox Church, on May 15th. About five hundred and fifty brethren were present, participating in an inspiring service, the memory of which will linger with us for many a day. I would suggest this as a fitting way to close every year of Masonic activity.

Fraternally submitted,

HEDLEY R. CHAUNCEY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Bassano, May 13, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District for the present year.

I wish to say that I have visited every lodge in the district at least once during my year of office. I found in all my visits a spirit of brotherly love everywhere manifest. Harmonious conditions existed in all lodges in the district. The condition of Masonry as a whole in District No. 2 is, generally speaking, good, with the exception of two of the smaller lodges. However, I might say that while some of these lodges might be small in numbers and financially weak, yet the Masonic spirit among the brethren is excellent, and most praiseworthy. As did my predecessor, I found the books and records of the various lodges in good condition. I would like to draw your attention to the amount of relief paid out by the Medicine Hat lodges. Their work in this respect is most praiseworthy. Their sick and visiting committees are very active and I am confident, Most Worshipful Sir, that you will join me in thanking these brethren on behalf of the district.

DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting was held at Bassano on Friday, October 1, 1926, at which we had a very good attendance. This meeting was attended by the M.W. the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The officers of Bassano Lodge No. 55 opened the lodge at 2:30 p.m. and the Grand Lodge officers were then received in form. A most interesting and instructive address was delivered by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary. The election of the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year resulted in W. Bro. Hugh Stainsleigh of Hussar being elected. Medicine Hat was chosen as the place for holding the district meeting for 1927. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of giving the brethren present an opportunity of meeting the M. W. the Grand Master. A splendid banquet and program was then given by the Bassano brethren at the I.O.O.F. hall. Labor was resumed at 8 p.m. when the third degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner by Bassano Lodge No. 55, after which a most interesting address was delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master. The meeting was closed in form by the officers of Brooks Lodge, No. 73.

INSTALLATION

On December 27, 1926, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Bassano Lodge, No. 55 and Hussar Lodge, No. 130, at a joint installation held at Bassano. After the ceremony a social was held at which a very pleasant time was had.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55

I made my first official visit in the district to this my mother lodge on October 5, 1926. The books of this lodge are well kept and the lodge is in good financial condition. A new building has been purchased which will make a splendid home for Masonic purposes. The officers are very proficient in their work.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73

I visited this lodge on February 15, 1927, and was privileged to see the third degree exemplified in a very creditable and praiseworthy manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on their quarters, also the manner in which the affairs are handled. The books and records are under the care of R.W. Bro. Anderson, and are well kept.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

I visited this lodge on March 16, 1927. This lodge has a splendid lodge room. The Masonic spirit manifested by the brethren is commendable, being handicapped for a number of years on account of poor crop conditions. They are doing everything possible to keep the spirit of Masonry alive in their district. Their books are well kept and they assured me that they would take action on their outstanding dues.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I visited Grassy Lake Lodge on April 13, 1927, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Lomas and several brethren from Burdette. The first degree was exemplified in a splendid manner by the Master and officers. This lodge has been handicapped somewhat during the past years on account of poor crops in that district. However, their prospects are good for the coming year. Their books are well kept and I am convinced that a brighter day is in store for them.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2

I visited this lodge officially on March 8, 1927. It was my privilege to see this lodge confer the second degree and praise from me on their degree work is not necessary. Sufficient to say that it was the most perfect degree work I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. The officers and members of this lodge are very enthusiastic, especially along the lines of charitable work, and the report of this lodge would not be complete without mentioning the good benevolent work they are doing and the every efficient work done by R.W. Bro. Williams. This brother is always on the job and Medicine Hat Lodge would certainly miss him if he should ever move from their midst.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

I visited this lodge officially on March 15, 1927, and was fortunate in being present on this occasion as they were holding a Past Masters' Night. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Blackstock and the third degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. This lodge is also very active in relief work and together with the members of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, are doing wonderful work along this line. Their books and records are well kept and Bro. Stevens is to be congratulated.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

I visited Bow Island Lodge on April 12, 1927, in company with R. W. Bro. Lomas. There was no degree work on that occasion, but from the manner in which the officers opened and closed their lodge it would appear that they are very proficient in their work. The books and records are well kept and an excellent feeling of good fellowship was manifested by all present.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

I paid an official visit to this lodge on February 1, 1927. On that occasion there was no degree work, and on invitation from the brethren I again visited them on April 5th, when I had the pleasure of seeing them confer the third degree in a very efficient manner. Some forty brethren from the Medicine Hat lodges were also present, which speaks well for the condition of Masonry in that part of the district. The books and records are well kept, and their financial condition is good.

HUSSAR LODGE, No. 130

I paid an official visit to this lodge on October 11, 1926, in company with several brethren from Bassano. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. I would like to draw to your attention that this lodge is not carrying any arrears of dues. They have a splendid lodge room and a feeling of good fellowship prevails. Their records and books are well kept and their prospects bright for the future.

In conclusion, I regret to report that W. Bro. Stainsleigh, D.D.G.M. Elect, met an untimely death at Calgary on the 14th of April. He was an ardent worker for Masonry in general and for his own lodge, Hussar, No. 130, in particular, and his absence will be greatly felt in this district. I also wish to thank the brethren of District No. 2 for the honor they have conferred on me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and to thank them for the very many expressions of kindness and courtesy extended to me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. S. WIGHT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Viking, May 19, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother :

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report as to my activities as District Deputy Master in District No. 3 and an outline of the general conditions of the lodges in this district.

Owing to sickness I was unable to visit the lodges more than once during my term of office, which I regret very much, for each visit was an inspiration to me and was, I hope, beneficial to the brethren with whom I came in contact.

There was, at the time of filing of the official returns, 1346 members in good standing in the twelve lodges in the district. That the dis-

trict is a fairly prosperous one is evidenced by the fact that the lodges show a surplus of some \$50,000.00 over all liabilities. Two of the lodges own their own building and eight of the halls are used for Masonic purposes only. There has not been any very great call for assistance during the year, there being less than \$1,000.00 paid out for relief during the year. There were twenty-seven suspensions for non-payment of dues and none for other causes, which speaks well for the fraternity. On the whole, conditions in the district are very satisfactory and prospects look bright for the future.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

On October 7, 1926, I made my official visit to Victory Lodge, No. 112, at Jarow. This is a small lodge, but what they lack in numbers they make up for in enthusiasm. The books of the lodge are in good shape and are well kept and I was particularly pleased to see that the historical register was written up to date. There was no degree work on, but the W.M. Worshipful Bro. Therou exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner with the able assistance of his officers. I took the occasion to advise the officers to do some rehearsing in between degrees, as by doing this the degree work can be put on with a smoothness and polish which is not otherwise possible. On this trip I was accompanied by W. Bro. Finch, W. Bro. Hardy and Bro. Coles, my district secretary.

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

On Monday evening, October 18th, accompanied by Bro. C. G. Purvis and W. Bros. Hardy and Finch, I paid an official visit to Gratton Lodge, No. 144, at Irma. This is a new lodge which has had the misfortune to lose quite a number of members within a short time of the formation of the lodge, but I am glad to report that the members appear very enthusiastic and those who are left turn out almost 100 per cent. The second degree was conferred during the evening on a candidate who had received his first degree some twenty years ago in the United States. The officers, considering the difficulties which they have had to surmount, deserve great credit, and while there is room for much improvement, they showed that they had put in considerable time on the work. The Senior Warden in particular was well posted on his work and delivered the lecture in an able and impressive manner. The books of the lodge are well and neatly kept and the historical register is up to date. After the business session a very appetizing lunch was provided by some of the members.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

My official visit to Connaught Lodge, No. 69, was made on the evening of October 19th. This visit was one I had looked forward to with pleasure as this is my home lodge. During the evening the third degree was conferred on one candidate, the work being put on by W. Bro. Hardy assisted by W. Bros. Finch and Thunnell. The officers of this lodge are very proficient in the work and are keenly interested in Masonry. The attendance was not what it might have been, but considering the time of the year and the fact that the farmers were in the midst of threshing operations, it was very good. The finances of this lodge are in good shape and the books are well kept. The historical register has not yet been brought up to date but it is being worked on and it is hoped that in a short time it will be completed. A very pleasant time was spent around the luncheon table after the

lodge was closed. Bro. Thunnell acted as toastmaster in a very efficient manner. A number of short speeches were delivered.

DISTRICT MEETING

On Tuesday, the 26th of October, 1926, the District Meeting for District No. 3 was held in Viking. The meeting was opened by the officers of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, and closed by Buffalo Park Lodge, No. 44. During the afternoon session the third degree was exemplified by the officers of Connaught Lodge. This meeting was honored by the presence of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. Both of these brethren delivered interesting and instructive addresses. At this meeting Bro. Sid Hubbard, of Edmonton, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1927-28. The meeting was well attended and the brethren of Connaught Lodge deserve great praise for the many ways in which they helped to make the meeting a success. Every lodge in the district was represented at this meeting with the exception of three, namely Commercial, No. 81, Albion, No. 97, and Edgerton, No. 102.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

On the evening of Wednesday, November 17th, I motored to Tofield to make my official visit with the brethren of Palestine Lodge, No. 46. The W.M., W. Bro. George Brace, conferred the third degree, with the able assistance of W. Bro. N. S. Smith, on a candidate who had received the two preceding degrees several years ago in one of the States of the Republic to the south of us. The lodge is quite active, in good shape financially and possesses a fine set of officers. During my address to the brethren I appealed to the officers to be careful to enunciate distinctly for the benefit of the candidate. Too often the desired impression is not made owing to one or more of the officers of a lodge mumbling his part of the work in a voice scarcely audible to the candidate, let alone the rest of the brethren. The work of the lodge was completed around midnight and the brethren then sat down to a very dainty lunch provided by two of the members. Unfortunately I was unable to remain for this social hour, to which I had looked forward for some time, owing to the fact that I had a fifty mile drive ahead of me against the wind and a bitterly cold night. As it turned out, I might just as well have remained as I did not get home that night after all, due to the fact that my car froze up and I had to spend the night between Tofield and Viking.

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

On the evening of December 1st I visited with the brethren of Dynamic Lodge, No. 96. Owing to the weather being very cold the attendance was not very large. The books are in excellent shape, finances good and a splendid spirit of harmony appears to prevail. The brethren elected their officers at the meeting and are to be congratulated on the type of men who will fill the chairs during the present term. I addressed the brethren along the same lines as those brethren of the previous lodges which I had visited, namely, upon the desirability of extending the instruction of our candidates beyond that which is explained to them in the ritual. During the evening, no regular work was on, but W. Bro. McAfee exemplified the second degree. This lodge possesses a very efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Robert Emond. In fact, he is so good that it appears as though he is going to have a life long position, being re-elected term after term. A pleasant time was spent around the festive board after the work was finished.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

My official visit was made to Albion Lodge, No. 97, on Thursday, April 7, 1927. This lodge has a splendid set of officers and a fine type of members. There was no regular work but the officers demonstrated their skill for the benefit of your humble servant in a proficient manner. The finances and prospects of the lodge are good. This lodge, like a number of others in the district, has no benevolent fund, which is rather unfortunate. It is very easy to create such a fund and it may be added to at regular intervals by making a collection during the refreshment period, without working any hardship on the brethren. A very pleasant time was spent around the supper table after the meeting was over.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

On Monday, April 11th, I visited Edgerton Lodge, No. 102, being met at the train by Brother Carl Finch and W. Bro. C. A. Rogers. The regular officers demonstrated their proficiency in degree work at this meeting. The books of the lodge are exceedingly well kept by Bro. Chavasse. The lodge seems to be quite active, is in fair circumstances and prospects appear quite bright. The hall in which these brethren meet is not suitable for the purpose but it is the only available one at the present time.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

On Wednesday, April 20th, I paid an official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge, No. 44, at Wainwright, being met at the station by W. Bro. J. E. Alderman who entertained me royally during my stay. At this meeting the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on two very likely looking candidates by the W.M. assisted by his regular officers. The officers of this lodge are to be congratulated on the manner in which they put on the work and generally conducted the affairs of the lodge. The Junior Warden managed his difficult part in this degree in a very impressive manner and with a degree of accuracy seldom attained. The condition of the lodge is good, its finances fair, and the members very enthusiastic. They hope at some near date to have quarters of their own and I trust that they will be successful in this undertaking. A lunch was served in the lodge room after the meeting and a number of short addresses were delivered; W. Bro. Dawson acting as toast master.

UNITY LODGE, No. 51

On Tuesday evening, May 3rd, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 51, in an official capacity. The second degree was exemplified in an excellent manner, the work being put on by W. Bro. Nickerson with the assistance of his regular officers. This lodge is a very active one, is in wonderful financial condition and has a fine set of officers and a large membership. The books are kept in a manner which hardly could be improved upon by R.W. Bro. Dave McIntosh, who has served the lodge faithfully and well for the past fifteen years or more in various capacities. This was my first visit to a city lodge and I was very much impressed with the hospitality which was extended and the cordial and friendly manner in which I was received. After the regular business the members assembled in the banquet room where a tasty lunch was served, and where a few short addresses were delivered and a general sing-song indulged in. My predecessor, R.W. Bro. F. J. Folinsbee, is a member of this lodge, but to my disappointment was unavoidably absent from this meeting. The lodge has two Past D.D.G.M.'s and

two Very Worshipful brothers enrolled as members, so there is not very much danger of the officers ever becoming slack in their work. This lodge appears to have a very bright future before it.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81

I paid an official call on Commercial Lodge, No. 81, Edmonton, on Saturday evening, May 7, 1927. This was a regular meeting night and no degrees were conferred, but from the way W. Bro. McMordie handled the business I am convinced that the officers are well posted in their work. The condition of the lodge is good and books are well kept. After the lodge meeting, the wives of the members came in and a splendid musical concert under the direction of Mrs. Carmichael was enjoyed. I am indebted to Bro. J. O. H. McCoy, a member of this lodge, who met me at the train in his car and conveyed me to the lodge hall, enabling me to get there in time to avoid interfering with their schedule for the evening.

EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7

On Tuesday evening, May 10, 1927, I visited Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. This is the only lodge in the district working York Rite and I was not aware of this until I visited the lodge. There was no degree work on but the W.M. handled the business of the evening in a very capable manner. The finances of the lodge are in excellent shape and the books well kept and in good order. After the lodge meeting, Bro. J. D. Hunt delivered an inspiring address on "Confederation" which effectively banished any pessimism which our minds may have been harboring. Our genial Grand Chaplain dropped in during the course of Bro. Hunt's address and afterwards gave a very interesting little talk to the brethren.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34

On Tuesday evening, May 17th, I had the pleasure of visiting Star of the West Lodge at Leduc. R.W. Bro. Folinsbee very kindly volunteered to drive me down from Edmonton and we were accompanied by R.W. Bro. Snedden and V.W. Bro. Riddick. There was no business to be conducted and no degree work on so the evening was taken up by addresses by the visitors and the members. The books of the lodge are in good shape with the exception of the historical register. I was assured that a committee had been appointed to attend to this very important matter, however. The lodge is in excellent shape financially and own their own hall which is used by them exclusively.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the confidence reposed in me and the high honor conferred upon me in electing me District Deputy Grand Master. No doubt I have done many things that I ought not have done, but I have endeavored to the best of my ability to discharge my duties faithfully for the good of the Craft and I turn over my duties to my successor with the hope that he will be received with the same courtesy and will have shown to him the many acts of kindness which were shown to me during my term of office. I particularly want to thank V.W. Bro. Riddick for accompanying me on all my three visits to the city lodges and to Leduc.

Fraternally submitted,

HORACE ROLLANS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Innisfail, June 4, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1926-27.

During my term of office, I have had the privilege of visiting the eleven lodges in the district once, and some of them twice. On the whole, I would say that the condition of Masonry in the district is very satisfactory. The total membership shows a net increase of twenty for the year, making in all nine hundred and twenty-eight members in the district as at December 27, 1926.

It is regrettable that there is such a large number of Masons residing in the district who are not affiliated with the lodges. The affiliations show a slight increase over demissions but there would appear to be considerable room for improvement in this regard. There have been forty-two new members initiated into the Craft, one restored after suspension, fifteen suspended for non-payment of dues and nine have laid down the working tools on earth to attend the Grand Lodge above. The average attendance of the members is slightly over twenty-five per cent for the district, and taking into consideration that each lodge has a rather large rural membership, this is on the whole satisfactory. It is, however, quite a problem with some of the lodges, in face of so many counter attractions, to interest the younger members sufficiently to make them regular in their attendance. I have urged the lodges to try to remedy this by adding to their libraries such books as will impress on their initiates to what a great institution they belong. It is a pleasure to note that the interchange of fraternal visits among the lodges is being more frequently done each year.

Each lodge in the district is in a very healthy condition financially, there being a total surplus of assets over liabilities of nearly \$22,000.00. There has been paid out in relief \$682.49. All the lodges have their property fully covered by insurance and many have their surplus funds invested in Government Bonds. The total arrears amount to \$3,138.50, which amount I would like to see reduced very considerably. When one considers that nearly one-fourth of the membership is over one year in arrears, one must admit that improvement is necessary. I would ask the members to give this matter of arrears their attention so that my successor will be able to give a more satisfactory report.

It is very pleasing to report that the youngest and the oldest lodges in the district, Kitchener, No. 95, and Innisfail, No. 8, own their lodge rooms. The brethren of Innisfail are to be congratulated on the very fine building they have erected for the purposes of Masonry. The meeting places of the lodges with the exception of three are used exclusively for the purposes of Masonry. They are generally well furnished and comfortable. Several lodges are contemplating building new halls and are building up a fund for this purpose.

From personal observations made during my visits, I am pleased to be able to report that I am satisfied that the new members being initiated into our lodges are of a high standard and will, I feel sure,

make good Masons and be a credit to the fraternity. The true spirit of Masonry was very noticeable in all the lodges and one cannot help but be inspired with the splendid feeling of harmony that exists throughout the district.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Opera House at Innisfail, on Wednesday, November 10, 1926. There was a large attendance of members of the district and visitors, every lodge in the district, except one, being represented.

The District Meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. by the officers of Carstairs Lodge, No. 20. The following Grand Lodge Officers were received with Grand Honors: M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle, Grand Chaplain. W. Bro. G. T. Sveinson, W.M. of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, extended a warm welcome to the Grand Lodge officers, members and visitors. The second section of the Master Mason degree in the Ancient York Rite was exemplified very efficiently by the officers of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, under the direction of the W.M., W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell, and was accorded commendation by the Grand Lodge officers. A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, on the Symbolism of the Third Degree. He explained how Masonry was ever in conflict with its three ancient enemies, "Priestcraft, Kingcraft and Ignorance," in endeavoring to promulgate the search for truth, especially Divine Truth. Bro. (Rev.) J. Carter of Flinders Lodge, No. 25, South Australia, extended greeting from the Antipodes and gave an inspiring address, entitled "Brotherhood and Fidelity." After enjoying a splendid supper served by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star and the usual toasts had been honored, short addresses were given by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Botterill, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle. The representatives of the several lodges gave a short account of the activities of each lodge.

The evening session convened at 9:00 p.m. Questions on ritualistic work, etc., were answered by the Grand Secretary and M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, after which interesting and inspiring addresses were given by the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle. A Past District Deputy Grand Master's Jewel was presented to R.W. Bro. G. E. Bowker and suitably acknowledged by R.W. Bro. Bowker. W. Bro. W. Gillman, of Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. and Red Deer was selected as the next place of meeting.

If I may be allowed to offer a suggestion to my successor, I would like to suggest that the Installed Master's degree be exemplified at the next District Meeting in order to insure more uniformity in this portion of the Installation Ceremony of our lodges.

DEDICATION

On March 10, 1927, I was privileged to act as Director of Ceremonies for you, M.W. Sir, and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, in performing the ceremony of the Dedication of the new Temple of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of brethren of the district and many visiting brethren.

After the ceremony a banquet was served by the ladies in the Banquet Hall and splendid addresses were delivered by the M.W.

the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, R.W. Bro. G. E. Bowker and others. Bro. J. S. Orton in his usual capable manner acted as toast master.

This temple is the first one to be built by a lodge in the district and the brethren of Innisfail deserve great credit for the enterprise and energy they have displayed in this work. One special feature deserving of comment is the system of concealed lighting, which was installed by Bro. C. H. Clarke. The amount of time and energy that Bro. Clarke gave in this connection is very highly appreciated by the lodge. The building is of brick construction, and is erected in the residential section of the town amid beautiful surroundings and should be an incentive to the members of the lodge to endeavor to fulfil the great traditions of the fraternity.

INNISFAIL LODGE, No. 8

This is my home lodge and I have attended every meeting during the year with the exception of October 21st, on which night I visited Carstairs Lodge, No. 20. The attendance of this lodge is very satisfactory, the officers are efficient and the lodge is in a very healthy condition.

On the afternoon of October 7, 1926, I had the extreme pleasure of welcoming M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, who had been requested by you, M.W. Sir, to lay the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple for this lodge. The ceremony was very impressive, a full report of which will undoubtedly be found in the regular proceedings of Grand Lodge.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 10

I visited this lodge on December 22, 1926. I was met at the station by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, who took me to the lodge room where I was pleased to see R.W. Bro. F. J. Sissons, R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer and R.W. Bro. W. F. Cranna. It being an emergent meeting, the routine work had been completed when I was cordially received. I witnessed the exemplification of the Fellowcraft degree on two candidates, by the officers, in a very able manner. The tone of this lodge is very satisfactory; the officers are efficient, the lodge room is beautifully furnished and the books and records are exceptionally well kept by W. Bro. Fraser. The finances are sound although the arrears are very high owing to some extent to non-resident members.

RED DEER LODGE, No. 12

I visited this lodge on April 12, 1927, without notice, and was most hospitably received. The Master Mason degree was very ably exemplified by W. Bro. Edis. The officers are very proficient and the great interest taken in the lodge by the Past Masters is very pleasing. W. Bro. Mitchell's rendering of the Third Degree Lecture is exceptionally fine and must leave a lasting impression on the candidate. The books and records are very ably kept by W. Bro. A. G. Ayres. The lodge is in a very healthy condition and a good feeling prevails. The attendance throughout the year is not quite as good as one would wish. At the conclusion of the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE, No. 16

I visited this lodge on June 25, 1926, when I had the privilege of making a presentation, on behalf of the lodge, to R.W. Bro. W. Bliss,

who was leaving the district. There was a very large attendance, signifying the esteem in which R.W. Bro. Bliss was held by the district as well as by this lodge.

I visited this lodge officially on November 19, 1926, accompanied by W. Bro. R. M. Archer and W. Bro. J. R. Moore, and was very cordially received. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. R. W. Bro. J. Duff's presentation of the Apron was very impressive. The books are in excellent order. The lodge is comfortable and the social hour is not neglected.

BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 18

My official visit was made to this lodge on December 2, 1926. I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and we were royally entertained by R.W. Bro. G. E. Bowker. The attendance at the meeting was very good in spite of the fact that it was a very stormy night. Although there was no degree work the general routine work was dispatched and the new officers elected in a very efficient manner. The books are well kept and the finances very satisfactory. This lodge is making provision to build its own hall in the near future. The officers and members under the guiding hand of such stalwarts of Masonry as R.W. Bro. A. Reid, R.W. Bro. G. E. Bowker and V.W. Bro. A. Sayer are doing good Masonic work.

CARSTAIRS LODGE, No. 20

I visited Carstairs Lodge on October 21, 1926, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The second degree was conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner. The officers of this lodge are alert and proficient and the books are kept in splendid condition. The fraternal spirit is very evident and excellent progress is being made. At the conclusion of the meeting a good social time was spent around the banquet table.

I again visited this lodge on April 14, 1927. On this occasion I had the pleasure of the company of M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and we were cordially received. The meeting being the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary, the Past Masters, under the direction of W. Bro. King, had charge of the meeting and conferred the third degree on Bro. (Rev.) Ing. Two charter members were presented with honorary membership in the lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present and a splendid feeling prevailed. We were privileged to listen to a very eloquent address from M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor at the banquet after the lodge was closed.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 21

I officially visited this lodge on March 15, 1927, and was accorded a splendid reception and was privileged to see the second degree conferred in an excellent manner. The average attendance of this lodge is the best in the district and the fraternal spirit is very evident. The members are always ready to pay fraternal visits. The growth and progress of this lodge during the past few years has been very substantial. The books are well kept and the finances are fairly satisfactory. The officers are proficient and have the hearty co-operation of all the members. On the whole the lodge is in a very healthy condition.

KENILWORTH LODGE, No. 29

I visited Kenilworth Lodge on December 7, 1926, and was very pleased to have the privilege of listening to a very soul-inspiring address

by R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle, Grand Chaplain. At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet was held and a very enjoyable time was spent.

I again visited this lodge on January 4, 1927, and was cordially received. Owing to so many counter attractions the attendance was not large. The newly installed officers had charge of the meeting and conducted the business of the lodge in a very creditable manner. There being no degree work, the time was taken up with a general discussion on how to make the lodge meetings more interesting, and a number of good points were stressed. The books and records are well kept and the finances are satisfactory.

BOWDEN LODGE, No. 42

This lodge being close to my home, I have had the pleasure of visiting it a number of times during the last few years. I made my official visit on October 19, 1926. While this lodge is not large in membership it is in a healthy condition. The officers are proficient and conduct the business of the lodge and exemplify the degrees in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept; the finances are in good condition and a good feeling prevails.

CROSSFIELD LODGE, No. 48

I visited this lodge officially on November 16, 1926, and was greeted with a very good attendance and cordially received. The routine business of the lodge was very efficiently conducted and I witnessed the exemplification of the Fellowcraft degree on a candidate, at the request of Eureka Lodge. The work was done in a very creditable manner. The officers are efficient and the books and records well kept. This lodge being at the extreme south of the district feels somewhat isolated and is making application to be placed in the First Masonic District.

KITCHENER LODGE, No. 95

I visited this lodge on October 15, 1926. W. Bro. J. R. Moore and I motored (Forded) to Lacombe, where we were joined by M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers and W. Bro. G. Myles and continued our journey to Rimbey. We were cordially received by this lodge and I was pleased to see R.W. Bro. S. J. Byers. The attendance was not large as many of the members, being chiefly a rural lodge, were busy. No degree work was conferred but the routine work of the lodge was carried on in a very businesslike manner. The books are exceptionally well kept and the finances are very satisfactory. This lodge is to be commended on owning its comfortable lodge room. This is a small lodge and progress has unfortunately been slow. The officers have a good grasp of their work. Some new members are now being admitted and I feel sure that under the guiding hand of its efficient officers this lodge will show up quite well in the near future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of the district for the honor conferred on me in electing me as D.D.G.M. and to thank them for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year. To M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, I am particularly grateful for the help and assistance he has given me during my tenure of office. I wish also to thank W. Bro. A. G. Ayres as District Secretary, for his efficient work. While I regret that I have not performed the duties of my office as well as I would have liked, I would say that the work has been a great pleasure to me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. JACKSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Sedgewick, May 26, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

During my term as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, I visited each lodge in the district at least once, on the following dates:

June 26, 1926.—Morning Star Lodge, No. 79, Loughheed.
October 14, 1926.—Melrose Lodge, No. 139, Daysland.
October 21, 1926.—Coal Lodge, No. 62, Bawlf.
October 27, 1926.—Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, Forestburg.
January 5, 1927.—Alliance Lodge, No. 135, Alliance.
January 19, 1927.—Provost Lodge, No. 61, Provost.
April 14, 1927.—Camrose Lodge, No. 37, Camrose.
April 21, 1927.—Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, Wetaskiwin.
May 4, 1927.—Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, Killam.
May 12, 1927.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 80, Strome.
May 13, 1927.—Comet Lodge, No. 50, Hardisty.
April 27, 1927.—Harmony Lodge, No. 75, Sedgewick.
May 16, 1927.—Efficiency Lodge, No. 141, Hughenden.

Though finding the year a difficult one to cover the territory, owing to the long winter and bad condition of the roads, I shall always retain in my memory many pleasant evenings spent amidst the brethren of the different lodges.

I saw degrees conferred in most of the lodges and was well pleased with the proficiency shown by the officers. I would recommend that the officers endeavor as far as possible to confer degrees, as in some instances I found a tendency to rely too much on Past Masters for assistance. The W.M. should feel free at any time to request any qualified brother to assist in the work, always remembering that the responsibility of seeing that the work is done proficiently is his.

I found harmony prevailing in all lodges visited, though as you will notice by the report, in some of the lodges the attendance is not as good as it might be, which might indicate a lack of interest in lodge work by too many members. In this connection I would recommend all members to be careful in their selection of candidates for membership in our Order.

In some lodges I found arrears of dues were too large and in this connection would recommend that Grand Lodge consider the advisability of incorporating in the Constitution a By-law to the effect that any member two years in arrears of dues be automatically suspended unless the lodge of which he is a member, for good and sufficient reasons, wishes to extend his membership in good standing.

The rules governing investigation of the past life of candidates for admission into our Order should be more strictly adhered to. Investigating Committees should be required to lay before the lodge what steps they have taken in the performance of their duty, so that the lodge may have information to enable them to vote intelligently on every applicant. If possible a central committee might be appointed for each district, to whom all applications could be referred and the

members of committees of the various districts could keep each other informed of all candidates rejected in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I regret to inform you of the loss sustained by Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, by fire, in which they lost their regalia and paraphernalia. The lodge furniture was well insured but the loss of the school in which they held their meetings was serious to them. I inspected a hall in Galahad and found it suitable to hold temporary meetings in while they have an opportunity of arranging for a regular meeting place. The brethren of this lodge are considering erecting a hall of their own, which to my mind is convincing evidence of their interest in the Order.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in Lougheed on the 18th day of October, 1926.

We were privileged to have with us on this occasion, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M., accompanied by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, also P.D.D.G.M.s C. H. Robinson, Camrose, F. E. Nichol, Killam, W. J. Cumberland, Sedgewick, and W. C. Reed, Sedgewick. Every lodge in the district was represented and a keen interest was taken in the proceedings by all present.

Bro. J. N. Johnson, Reeve of Lougheed, welcomed the brethren on behalf of the Village, in a few well chosen words. M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers then addressed the meeting, conveying the regrets of the M.W. the Grand Master on his inability to be present. Numerous questions were asked by the brethren, all of which were answered satisfactorily by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. The lodge was then treated to an address by Bro. H. Thompson, of St. George Lodge, Moose Jaw, after which the brethren attended a banquet in Bunnin's Hall.

After resuming labor the lodge was addressed by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor on the lessons or symbolism of the third degree. Following reports of committees, nominations were called for to fill the position of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, to which position W. Bro. Phipps of Strome was elected. An invitation from Excelsior Lodge was extended to hold the next District Meeting in Strome, which was accepted. Reports were then received from each lodge in the district. Lodge was closed in Harmony at 10:30 by Efficiency Lodge, No. 141, Hughenden.

In conclusion, I would say that Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District is in a healthy condition and that our Order is increasing in membership and is exerting a beneficial influence on the whole community.

Faternally submitted,

J. R. ADAMS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Nanton, May 9, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of presenting herewith, for your information, my report for the Sixth Masonic District, for the past year.

Let me first express my appreciation and thanks to the brethren of this district for electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master,

and also to all those who assisted me in my official capacity during the year, more particularly R. W. Bro. C. V. W. Stanley, of Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, High River.

I had the pleasure of visiting each lodge in the district at least once during the year, in my official capacity, and witnessing degree work in each lodge. This district I consider in good shape with no difficult problems to solve. The following are brief reports of my several official visits.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the hall of Nanton Lodge, No. 17, at Nanton, on November 3rd, 1926, Grand Lodge being represented by the W. M. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers. The program followed lines similar to previous years. Stavelly Lodge, No. 33, opened the meeting, after which the Master Mason degree was exemplified by Nanton Lodge, No. 17, in a very impressive manner and the members of Nanton Lodge were heartily congratulated by the Grand Lodge officers present. The Grand Secretary then gave a very inspiring and instructive address. The evening session was devoted to addresses by the M. W. the Grand Master and W. Bro. H. L. Spankie, Master of Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, both of which were very much appreciated. W. Bro. Knowles, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, was then elected District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. Corinthian Lodge, Okotoks, was selected as the place of the next district meeting. The attendance was most satisfactory and the meeting was very much appreciated by all the brethren present.

Though lacking somewhat the personal touch experienced when the M. W. the Grand Master visited every lodge in the province, yet I believe the district meetings have established their value.

NANTON LODGE, No. 17

Nanton Lodge, No. 17, being my home lodge I am a frequent attendant. This lodge was somewhat handicapped last year as they lost their Senior Warden by removal and their Junior Warden, Bro. William Robertson, by death. Owing to the enthusiasm of their Master and the able assistance of Past Masters, this lodge experienced a successful year and compares favorably with any lodge in the district.

CORNERSTONE LODGE, No. 19

I paid my first official visit to this lodge on December 3, 1926, when I witnessed degree work exemplified in a very able manner. The work of this lodge is well known throughout the district as well as in many lodges in the province. This lodge has a splendid lodge room and is noted for the excellency of its work and its hospitality. It has the largest membership of any lodge in the district, is ably officered and doing excellent work.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 22

I visited this lodge in my official capacity on the evening of December 7, 1926, accompanied by W. Bro. Reed, W. Bro. Armey and Bro. Stair, now of Nanton, formerly of Medicine Hat. This was Past Masters' Night and I had the pleasure of seeing the Entered Apprentice degree exemplified by the old guard. I also had the plea-

sure of hearing two brothers examined as to their proficiency in the work of the Master Mason degree. This was also the night for the annual election of officers. I was very much pleased with the harmony and good fellowship prevailing within this lodge, also with the promptness and despatch with which the work and business of the lodge were transacted. I am therefore pleased to report this lodge as capable of performing all the duties for which it was instituted.

CAIRO LODGE, No. 32

I visited Cairo Lodge at Claresholm on April 19, 1927, having delayed visiting this lodge officially by request until they were established in their new quarters. This lodge has established a record in the manner in which they have financed their new home, having raised \$2,000.00 by donations, which, with the building fund available, leaves the lodge with only a small indebtedness. The new lodge room is nicely arranged and furnished and a strong spirit of Masonry prevails throughout the lodge. I witnessed degree work exemplified without a hitch and on the whole spent a most enjoyable evening.

STAVELY LODGE, No. 33

I visited this lodge officially on December 9, 1926, accompanied by three Past Masters and Bro. Rhodes, all from Nanton. I had the pleasure of seeing the Master Mason degree conferred on two candidates in a very able and impressive manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on the work of the Master and the other officers of the lodge. I was very pleased to see the interest taken in the work of the lodge by the Past Masters present and the able manner in which they assisted the Master in the work of conferring the degree when called upon to do so. In fact, the whole work as well as the ceremony of opening and closing the lodge, would I am sure, compare favorably with the work of lodges in much larger places.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 40

I visited Joppa Lodge, No. 40, at Granum, on January 13, 1927, accompanied by two brothers from Nanton. I witnessed the exemplification of the second degree in a fairly creditable manner. This was the first work done in the lodge for some time, as well as being the first work undertaken since the installation of officers for the present year, so after making due allowance for that fact, I would say that the work as a whole was satisfactory. This lodge expects to pay off all encumbrances on their lodge building this year, and after making some minor improvements, will have very comfortable quarters and I believe the lodge is doing very good work.

Now allow me, Most Worshipful Sir, to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the various lodges in the district for the kind and brotherly assistance rendered me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. BLAKE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, May 15, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

The visiting of all the lodges in a district the size of District No. 7 and giving to them the attention that they need, is almost too much of a task for one man in one year. Particularly is this true of a District Deputy who has not got a car. I have been unable to visit Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, and Foremost Lodge, No. 103, during my term, as the wet fall and severe winter and then the wet spring made it impossible to reach them by car.

I find that, generally speaking, the larger the town and the more members a lodge has, the more efficient they are in their work, and I am convinced that great care should be exercised by Grand Lodge in granting charters to small new lodges. During the year, I paid particular attention to various opinions expressed by the brethren of the different lodges on the future of Masonry, and I find the opinion generally held is that if Masonry is to progress in the future as it should, greater attention must be paid to the esoteric side of Masonry by its Masters and Grand Lodge officers. One outstanding feature of Masonic meetings in this district is the small average attendance of members at the regular lodge meetings. Interest in the regular lodge business and in the degree work seems to be on the wane and I find a spirit of inquiry among a large percentage of the brethren looking for more light in Masonry. Those among the brethren who are students of the ritual and the exponents of the social side of Masonry, are the ones who are keeping the lodges alive. A large percentage of the members—too many—attend a few meetings and losing interest fail to attend any except special meetings called for special affairs. Particularly is this true of the district meetings. There is a feeling among the brethren that, after having spent the year in lodge business and degree work, to come to a district meeting only to see the same thing over again, results in the district meeting being of very little gain to the members present. It is felt that the degree work and questions could very well be left to the District Deputy and that the visit of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers should be made the occasion of some enlightening addresses on some other phases of Masonry.

I prepared an address on the esoteric side of Freemasonry during my first three months in the office of District Deputy and I have given it on the occasion of each visit to the lodges in my district. I have given it six times in my district and once outside my district at Carmangay, and I find that judging by the reception given me that there is a great desire among Masons for more light in Masonry. I have arrangements made to deliver this address at two other lodges outside of my district during the next two months, and I think that in future at district meetings more attention will have to be paid to addresses than to the actual degree work.

Besides the regular visits made by me to the lodges in District No. 7, I paid a special visit to Doric Lodge, No. 31, Taber, on May 10th, and assisted by numerous Lethbridge brethren, dedicated their new lodge hall, which they have recently purchased and fitted up for the exclusive use of the lodge. Warner Lodge, No. 100, which has had a difficult time during the past few years, has, with the assistance of the W.M., W. Bro. C. B. Barrows, taken a new lease of life and they

too have recently purchased a building for lodge purposes and intend having it fitted up and dedicated some time this summer.

During a social visit to Sweet Grass, Montana, U.S.A., in February, to which myself and wife were invited through the courtesy of the brethren of Coutts, Alberta, I was asked to take up the question of whether or not an International Lodge could be started at Coutts, Alberta. The towns of Coutts, Alberta, and Sweetgrass, Montana, are almost one town and are not large enough separately to support a lodge. It was felt that if either the brethren of one town or the other were permitted to start a lodge and accept as members the brethren living in the other town, that they could make a very successful lodge at either of these points. It would seem to me that it is a question which the Grand Lodge of Alberta would have to take up with the Grand Lodge of Montana as it would mean that either one or the other would have to waive their rights of jurisdiction over the brethren who joined the lodge on the other side of the line.

A year is a long time to look forward to but a very short time to look back on and I find at the close of my term as D.D.G.M. that the time has been only too short to accomplish all that I started out to do when I assumed the office. It has been a peaceful, pleasant year, and it is my earnest wish that whatever interest my efforts on behalf of Masonry have aroused, will, as the years go on, bear fruit in a more useful and helpful society for the uplifting of mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN GILMORE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hillcrest, May 16, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to present my report for your approval on the condition of Masonry in District No. 8. I have paid an official visit to every lodge in this district once and visited them several times unofficially and find that each lodge is in good condition.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting was opened at 2:30 p.m. in the lodge room at Coleman by the officers of Summit Lodge, No. 30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed and the Grand Lodge officers received, the third degree was exemplified by the officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, in a very able manner who were complimented on their work by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. English, and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3.

On Thursday, October 21, 1926, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and a number of brethren from Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, I paid an official visit to this lodge, when I had the pleasure of seeing the third degree exemplified in a very able manner by W. Bro. R. D. McNay. This is the oldest lodge in this district and doing excellent work.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

On November 8, 1926, I paid an official visit to this lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and V.W. Bro. F. J. Smith. There was no degree work but I have seen them at other times and they do the work very well.

A joint meeting of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, Summit Lodge, No. 30, and Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, was held in Blairmore on April 26th, when R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell delivered a lecture on, "The Art of Communication" in a very able manner. This meeting was well attended by the brethren of the various lodges.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

I paid an official visit to this lodge on March 3rd, when the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Burns, assisted by W. Bro. Short. The work was fairly well done considering that a number of the junior officers were absent.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

As this is my home lodge, I am a regular attendant. On the evening of my official visit there was no degree work but Bro. (Dr.) Key gave a very interesting address. After the lodge was closed the brethren retired to the banquet room where we had a very pleasant evening in song and mirth. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers on St. John's night and although the officers are all young members they are keeping up the reputation of Sentinel Lodge.

SPITZIE LODGE, No. 6

On May 3, 1927, I paid an official visit to this lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and V.W. Bro. F. J. Smith. It is always a pleasure to visit this lodge, but this was the first opportunity I had during the past year. The books of this lodge are well kept. M.W. Bro. Kemmis was present and after his remarks the lodge was closed in Due Form, peace and harmony prevailing.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

I visited this lodge on May 16th and witnessed the exemplification of the third degree, which was conferred by W. Bro. Edwards assisted by W. Bro. Cochrane. This lodge is doing splendid work and they have a very efficient Secretary in R.W. Bro. Murphy. The books and records are in splendid shape.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the officers and members of District No. 8 for electing me as their D.D.G.M., and for the assistance they have given me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT CRICHTON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Alix, May 31, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District, for the year 1926-27.

Allow me first to thank the brethren of this district for the confidence reposed in me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and I trust that I have fulfilled that high office to the satisfaction of the brethren. I also wish to thank the brethren of this district for their unfailing courtesy extended to me on all occasions and especially on my official visits, and R.W. Bro. Darlow, whom I appointed District Secretary, and who has accompanied me on almost all my official visits and who has been of great assistance to me.

I am glad to report that harmony prevails throughout the district and that the brethren are enthusiastic and the officers proficient in their work.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Coronation on Thursday, October 28, 1926. There was a splendid attendance. Every lodge in this district was represented and one hundred and eleven members registered. We were favored at that meeting by M.W. Bro. Botterill representing the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, many past D.D.G.M.s and other noted Masons. The third degree, in the York Rite, was exemplified by a number of officers selected from the brethren present, W. Bro. Murray of Big Valley acting as Master. The work was very efficiently done and was greatly enjoyed, very little criticism being offered. During the evening session R.W. Bro. Sissons, of Clive, was presented with a P.D.D.G.M. regalia by the district, the presentation being made by M.W. Bro. Carruthers. During the evening addresses were given by M.W. Bro. Botterill, M.W. Bro. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. Taylor and other prominent Masons, and all were highly appreciated.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I made the following visits:

March 1, 1927.—Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, Big Valley.

March 2, 1927.—Beaver Lodge, No. 56, Castor.

March 7, 1927.—Apollo Lodge, No. 27, Stettler.

March 16, 1927.—Rising Sun Lodge, No. 122, Gadsby.

March 17, 1927.—Coronation Lodge, No. 72, Coronation.

March 18, 1927.—Monitor Lodge, No. 120, Monitor.

May 11, 1927.—Clive Lodge, No. 121, Clive.

May 12, 1927.—Ionic Lodge, No. 45, Alix.

On the occasion of each visit the first degree was exemplified, with the exception of Monitor Lodge, No. 120, and in every case the work was well done. I found all lodges in good financial standing, well insured and generally in very excellent condition.

I should like to make special mention of Big Valley Lodge, No. 140. This lodge, the youngest in the district, has had for the last year an average attendance of 75 per cent. The members are very enthusiastic and the officers very efficient.

I am sorry to report that Clive Lodge, No. 121, has not been doing as well as I should like. The attendance has been very poor and the meetings have been irregular. Several meetings have been missed altogether. I trust this lodge will do better in the future. I would like to make special mention of R.W. Bro. Sissons, the present Master. This worthy brother is the mainstay of this lodge and is doing everything possible to keep the lodge going.

I am very sorry to have to make reference to the great loss this district sustained in the sudden death of R.W. Bro. Auxier, of Beaver Lodge, No. 56, Castor. This R.W. Bro. will be greatly missed and I know that I am voicing the feeling of the district in extending to his wife and family our deepest sympathy. He was buried at Castor with full Masonic honors, M.W. Bro. Carruthers, of Lacombe, officiating. I am pleased to say that there was a large attendance of Masons from all over the district at the funeral.

The brethren at Donalda have made application for a lodge at Donalda. I have been over the territory and have interviewed the brethren and have great pleasure in recommending that a dispensation be granted to them and I would commend them to my successor in office.

In conclusion, I desire to again thank the brethren of District No. 9 for their kindness and unfailing courtesy.

Faternally submitted,

J. R. MACKIE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vermilion, June 1, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

Herewith you will please find report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District for the year ending June 30, 1927.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, No. 145

In company with R.W. Bro. Mitchell, I had the pleasure of visiting St. Alban's Lodge on the occasion of the consecration and dedication of the lodge, when I was much impressed with the earnestness displayed by the members. Again on May 19th I paid an official visit when the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a most efficient way by the regular officers. As one of the newer members of the Grand Jurisdiction, St. Alban's Lodge is making wonderful progress.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110

As the weather was extremely cold on the occasion of my official visit, the attendance was small and no degree work was possible, but I wish to extend my congratulations to the members of Kilwinning Lodge on the splendid course of Masonic study undertaken, which, if followed up, will be of immense benefit.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

My visit to Victoria Lodge being at a time when seeding was in full operation, the attendance was small, but in spite of this we enjoyed an evening of fraternal intercourse beneficial to all.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

I regret that, owing to a series of unavoidable circumstances, I was unable to pay an official visit, and I wish now, M.W. Sir, to offer my sincere regret and apologies to yourself as well as to Lamont Lodge, for any failure in this instance.

TAWATINAW LODGE, No. 71

I visited here on the regular meeting in March and certainly enjoyed an evening full of inspiration and instruction, no degrees being conferred.

HOPE LODGE, No. 38

I visited Hope Lodge and was very much impressed with the way the business of the evening was conducted, not only by the W.M., but by all the officers of the lodge. There being no degree work, the evening was devoted to discussions of those matters pertaining to ritual and government.

KITSCOTY LODGE, No. 131

On November 17th I made my official visit, when the Fellowcraft degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Rutherford and his officers in a most creditable manner. Everything in connection with this lodge shows a true understanding of the Mystic Art. Again, on the occasion of the Installation of Officers, I was able to attend and assist in that ceremony.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24

This being my own lodge, I am pleased to say that under the Mastership of W. Bro. R. H. Norton, assisted by very capable officers, all branches of the work are being carried on in a highly creditable manner.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

I had the pleasure of visiting here in February and spent a most enjoyable evening with not only the officers and members of Acacia Lodge but also many from other city lodges, the Fellowcraft degree being exemplified.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25

Apart from the District Meeting, I had no further opportunity of visiting St. John's, but the work as exemplified on that occasion was sufficient evidence that the officers are capable and willing to perform their allotted tasks.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

The occasion of my visit to Empire Lodge was one that afforded me much pleasure, my reception carrying with it that true fraternal spirit so dear to the heart of us all. The work done was of a high order and I wish to congratulate the officers on their proficiency.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90

On February 22nd, accompanied by Rev. Bro. F. J. Stevens, of Vermilion, I paid my official visit to Norwood, where we were accorded a wonderful reception by W. Bro. Horrocks and a large assembly of brethren from other lodges. The third degree was exemplified in a splendid way by the W.M. and his officers. Our visit to Norwood Lodge will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest during my term of office.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

My visit to Dominion Lodge, No. 117, was made on the 23rd of February, when I was much impressed with the work done in the Fellowcraft degree. This lodge shows a marked desire to impress all candidates with the true Masonic spirit, and everything in connection with the lodge indicates sound progress.

DISTRICT MEETING

On October 22nd the District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Vegreville, with St. John's Lodge, No. 25, in charge. This meeting was one of the best ever held in the district, 115 brethren being in attendance. On this occasion M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, delivered an address that was most thoroughly enjoyed by all and which has proved of immense benefit to the whole district. At this meeting the third degree in the Ancient York Rite was exemplified by St. John's Lodge, the work being reviewed by R.W. Bro. Melvin Downey. Nominations for D.D.G.M. found several names before the meeting, but honors were finally conferred on W. Bro. McCreath, Edmonton.

In accepting the office of D.D.G.M. for the year just ended, I did so with a full appreciation of the honor and responsibility conferred not only on myself but also on Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, and it is my earnest hope that my efforts toward conveying true Masonic understanding throughout the district have met with a fair degree of success. The work of the office and the opportunities presented through it, have been of wonderful educational value to me and I feel that I have really benefited more by the office than has the district at large, and I wish to thank each and every lodge visited for the honor and opportunities for Masonic knowledge opened to me when I was elected D.D.G.M.

In going about the district I find a marked desire on the part of the various lodges for an increase in Masonic knowledge, a genuine effort to perform all the ritualistic portion of the work in as nearly perfect a manner as possible, and in every case the books of lodges are well and carefully kept. While many of the lodges do not show a marked increase in membership, the material offered and accepted is of a very high quality.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, I desire to point out what in my opinion would be of great benefit to District No. 10, in particular, and to the Grand Jurisdiction in general, viz.:

1. Some arrangement whereby District No. 10 could be divided and the lodges from Fort Saskatchewan to Kitscoty inclusive-made into a district, Athabasca and St. Paul to be attached to a district centering on Edmonton. As the district now stands, it is about 275 miles from Kitscoty on the east to Athabasca on the north, with a side trip from Edmonton of 85 miles to St. Paul, and I feel that it is imposing too

much on good nature to expect a D.D.G.M. to make such trips, when these two lodges, both working the Ancient York Rite, might be much more easily handled and more effectively served from Edmonton.

2. That the practice of chartering more Ancient York Rite lodges be discontinued, especially in small districts where the membership is very apt to be small and scattered and the chances of effective work reduced thereby.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. STEWART,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Champion, May 15, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District—

The several lodges in the district were visited as follows:

PYRAMID LODGE, No. 108

On November the 17th, accompanied by Bro. J. S. Collins, of Champion Lodge, I visited Pyramid Lodge, No. 108. At this meeting the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified. This lodge having changed from the York Rite to the Canadian Rite are working at a disadvantage, but they have a great deal of Masonic spirit and I have great faith in them that they will work for the good of Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 49

On June 24th I visited Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Orr I installed the officers of this lodge, also of Cresset Lodge.

On April 5th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. A. Orr and R.W. Bro. J. T. Stephenson, I visited this lodge again. As there was no degree work we spent the evening in discussing Masonry and spent a very profitable evening. The books of this lodge are well kept. The Master is very proficient in the work.

VULCAN LODGE, No. 74

On December 27, 1926, I visited Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, and installed the officers.

On May 10th I visited them again and witnessed the third degree put on by the Past Masters of the lodge. The work was very satisfactory. At this meeting there were a number of visitors including the Master of Concord Lodge, Calgary. The Master of this lodge is very proficient in the work.

CHAMPION LODGE, No. 84

On March 10th I visited Champion Lodge, No. 84, at which time the Fellowcraft degree was put on. The Master and officers are quite up to standard. The books are well kept. The brethren, especially some of the younger members, are very enthusiastic about Masonry.

On December 30th I installed the officers of Champion Lodge, No. 84, and Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, at Champion.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

On March 11th, accompanied by W. Bro. C. McLean and W. Bro. Cawdron, of Nobleford, I visited Diamond City Lodge, No. 65. This Lodge has not received any new members during the year, but the members are very enthusiastic Masons. They have many visitors from Lethbridge and have many special speakers who deliver addresses on Masonry. The Master is very proficient in the work.

GRANITE LODGE, No. 127

On May 4th I visited Granite Lodge, No. 127. At this meeting I witnessed the conferring of the first degree, which was done in splendid style. There was a very large attendance and a real brotherly spirit prevailed. The brethren of this lodge are very anxious to increase their knowledge of Masonry. A number of the brethren built the lodge room and rent it to the lodge.

CRESSET LODGE, No. 136

On May 23rd I visited Cresset Lodge, No. 136. As there was no degree work for the night we discussed a few points in Masonry. There was a very good attendance. The Master and officers are very efficient in the work. They are very much interested in Masonry.

All lodges in District No. 11 are in good financial condition. All lodges have started a library and are using same to advantage.

DISTRICT MEETING

On October 8th the District Meeting was held at Carmangay. Owing to bad weather the meeting was not largely attended but was successful and very instructive. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. F. English, gave an address on The Legend of the Third Degree, which was very much appreciated by the brethren. The Grand Secretary gave an address on Symbolic Masonry, which was also instructive and very much appreciated.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of this district for electing me to this office and also to thank them for courtesies and friendship which they extended to me wherever I visited.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. WATKINS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Westlock, June 1, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report as your Deputy of Masonic District No. 12, which district at present comprises thirteen lodges, and which necessitates considerable time and travel to visit each lodge.

My visits were made as follows:

June 27, 1926.—Jasper Lodge, No. 14. Installation of Officers.
September 21, 1926.—Meridian Lodge, No. 129. Regular Meeting.
October 16, 1926.—District Meeting, Edmonton.
December 20, 1926.—Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142. Emergent Meeting.
January 6, 1927.—Westlock Lodge, No. 114. Regular Meeting.
May 9, 1927.—Jasper Lodge, No. 14. Regular Meeting.
May 13, 1927.—Stratheona Lodge, No. 77. Regular Meeting.
May 18, 1927.—West Edmonton, No. 101. Emergent Meeting.
May 19, 1927.—Edson Lodge, No. 68. Emergent Meeting.
May 20, 1927.—Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143. Emergent Meeting.
May 23, 1927.—Jasper Lodge, No. 14. Emergent Meeting.
May 25, 1927.—Patricia Lodge, No. 91. Emergent Meeting.
May 26, 1927.—Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92.—Regular Meeting.
November 27, 1926.—Instituted Mayerthorpe Lodge, U.D.

I was able to visit all lodges once, with the exception of Pembina, No. 126, and Onoway, No. 138. In these cases I was unable to visit the lodges on the nights arranged owing to extreme weather conditions.

I had the privilege on my visits to see the work done by the different lodges in an impressive manner and worthy of note was that of the third degree, exemplified by Jasper Park Lodge. I was impressed when visiting Patricia Lodge, No. 91, on the night they entertained Saskatchewan Lodge, with the advantage that can be derived by such interchange of visits between lodges. This would be particularly helpful by city lodges exchanging visits with the country lodges. It would tend to create a friendly feeling in the country lodges especially when a social hour could be arranged after the meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Patricia Masonic Temple on October 16, 1926. Among those in attendance were M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, R.W. Bro. Downey, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Snedden, R.W. Bro. Sandilands, past Grand Officers. M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor was received in Due Form, after which W. Bro. Griffiths and officers of Patricia Lodge, No. 91, exemplified the work of the third degree in the Canadian Rite. On this work, M.W. Bro. Taylor commented at length and gave certain rulings that should be adhered to. He then delivered a very interesting address. The meeting then proceeded to elect the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year. V.W. Bro. Henning, of Patricia Lodge, was duly elected. The meeting was

closed by the Master and officers of Saskatchewan Lodge. A banquet was then served in the hall, following which a splendid program was rendered. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Canon Carruthers, who took for his subject "A Mason" and from this delivered a very inspiring address. I wish to pay a tribute to the District Secretary, V.W. Bro. George A. McAvoy, as the success attained at this meeting was due in a large measure to his efforts.

MAYERTHORPE LODGE, U.D.

On November 27, 1926, at the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, accompanied by W. Bro. F. H. Steele and Bro. Dezall, both of Westlock Lodge, No. 114, I instituted this lodge. W. Bro. W. K. Ranton, the appointed Master, is a past Master of Kerrobert Lodge, No. 90, in the Grand Register of Saskatchewan, which is my mother lodge. While he occupied the chair of that lodge he discharged the duties of Master in a very intelligent manner. Before recommending that a dispensation be granted to the brethren at Mayerthorpe, I made a thorough inspection of the district and entered into the matter very fully with the brethren, and, M.W. Sir, from the progress they have made to date, and having every confidence in W. Bro. Ranton and his officers, it gives me great pleasure to recommend that a charter be granted to these brethren.

HISTORICAL REGISTER

The historical registers of most of the lodges in District No. 12 are fully written up, while some have not given this very important matter proper attention. Worthy of mention in this regard are Jasper Lodge, No. 14, Patricia Lodge, No. 91, Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, and Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143. All these lodges are to be commended on this work. Westlock Lodge, No. 114, lost their first record by fire and have not done anything further in this connection, but the W.M. has promised to give this matter his immediate attention.

OUTSTANDING DUES

The Masters of the different lodges in the district seem to be giving this matter the proper attention and all are anxious to have the brethren keep their dues up to date. Still, a great deal can be done. Some of the lodges report a large percentage of dues outstanding.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

While the attendance may not be all that can be desired, still it is encouraging to note the fairly large percentage of attendance, especially in country lodges.

BENEVOLENCE

Some of the lodges of the district do not show grants made for relief, but all are prepared to do so should occasion arise.

THE WORK

The work in the several lodges is well rendered and uniform in character, except in some country lodges where slight variations occur, which is chiefly attributable to the inability of the brethren to attend district meetings or lodges of instruction.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, may I express my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me by the lodges of this district in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, and for the courtesy and hospitality which has been shown to me during my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

W. GILFILLAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Grande Prairie, May 13, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy for the Thirteenth Masonic District for the past year.

I have not been able to visit the lodges in the district as often as I wished, but at the visits I made I received most kind and cordial receptions.

LAKE SASKATOON LODGE, No. 105

I visited this lodge on the 21st of June at the regular meeting and on instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master I invested into the office of Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts. The officers are efficient.

NORTHLAND LODGE, U.D.

On the 30th of July I instituted Northland Lodge. There were more than eighty of the brethren present, including two P.D.D.G.M.s, also a number of Past Masters, every lodge in District No. 13 being represented. Undoubtedly the lodge was instituted under most favorable auspices. I visited this lodge again on May 12th and saw the Entered Apprentice degree conferred. The books are well kept and the officers are efficient and enthusiastic and I am pleased to respectfully recommend that a Charter be issued to this lodge.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

I visited this lodge on October 12, 1926, at the District Meeting and again in August when the third degree was conferred. The officers are very capable and the books are in good order.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

On the 21st of April I visited this lodge at High Prairie at their regular meeting, when the third degree was exemplified in an able manner. The books are in good order and well kept.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

I visited this lodge on May 11th at the regular meeting, when the third degree was conferred. The officers are capable and enthusiastic and the books are well kept and written up to date.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 105

This being my home lodge, I have seen the degrees conferred on many occasions. The officers are efficient. The books are all in order and up to date. I installed the officers of this lodge on the 27th of December.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Spirit River Lodge, No. 116 on October 12, 1926, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, being present. All lodges in the district were represented. After the opening ceremonies and the reception of the Grand Lodge officers, the third degree was exemplified by the officers of Spirit River Lodge and after this M.W. Bro. Taylor discussed the work done and also the work in the other degrees. At the evening session the election of D.D.G.M. was held, when W. Bro. (Dr.) F. H. Sutherland, of Peace River Lodge, was elected to this position. After the evening session the delegates enjoyed an excellent banquet given by Spirit River Lodge.

DUES IN ARREARS

This matter has received attention by all the lodges in the district and there is an improvement.

LIBRARY

Libraries have been started in all the lodges and great interest is being taken in it.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for electing me to this high office and for the kind reception given to me on all my visits. Advance in Masonic knowledge has been made and I hope that next year, with a younger and more energetic D.D.G.M., more progress will be made, which will build up a strong and noble Masonic structure in the district.

Faternally submitted,

P. H. BELCHER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Chinook, May 15, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

On the condition of Masonry in the eleven lodges constituting the Fourteenth Masonic District, I have the honor and pleasure to make the following report for your consideration:—

The progress of Masonry has been very satisfactory. Every lodge in this district save one is really active and prospects are good for the immediate future. The staff of officers in each lodge is very energetic and capable of conferring the different degrees in a very creditable manner. The Masonic harmony prevailing throughout the

several lodges is very marked and the interest taken by the members of the Craft indicates that Masonry in the Fourteenth Masonic District is on the upward trend. To date, I have visited all the lodges save Mount Moriah, No. 99, and I have already arranged to meet the members of this lodge before my term of office expires. The books of the various lodges I found well kept and up to date in every instance; the historical registers, which in the past have been somewhat neglected, I found practically written up to date, which shows that the brethren responsible for that part of the work are taking more interest.

DRUMHELLER LODGE, No. 146

On June 29, 1926, I had the pleasure of assisting the M.W. the Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Secretary in the constitution of this lodge. I paid an official visit to this lodge on September 22nd, their regular meeting night, on which occasion the officers conferred the first degree, which was done in a manner creditable to a much older lodge. This lodge, the youngest constituted in the district, is making good under the direction of W. Bro. Fulton and his staff of officers. The fraternal spirit between the two lodges at Drumheller was very noticeable by the presence of many members of Symbol Lodge at this meeting, and I understand there is much visiting done by members of both lodges on meeting nights.

MASONIC PICNIC

On July 7, 1926, the members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 99, Oyen Lodge, No. 105, Crocus Lodge, No. 115, and Acadia Lodge, No. 82, with their wives and families and visiting Masons met at Cereal and all joined in a real live picnic. This to my mind is a very good way for the members and their families of adjacent lodges to get acquainted and thus create a more fraternal spirit and interest both in and out of the Craft.

OYEN LODGE, No. 105

On July 27, 1926, I paid an official visit to Oyen Lodge, No. 105, in the absence of W. Bro. Miller, W. Bro. Stewart, P.M., presided. The work this evening was the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree upon four candidates, which was done in a very creditable manner. I found the books up to date and well kept. This lodge laboring under a heavy load of a financial debt is progressing very favorably and they will no doubt reduce the amount owing on their building by a substantial payment this year. While making this visit I had the pleasure of investing V.W. Bro. A. McQuarrie in the office of Grand Steward, to which he was appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master. It is my intention to visit this lodge again on Friday, June 3rd.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

On August 17th I visited Acadia Lodge, No. 82, officially, when I found the books well kept and up to date. The conferring of the F. C. degree upon three candidates was most ably done on this occasion. Much interest is being taken in the welfare of the Craft by the officers and members of this lodge.

DISTRICT MEETING

On October 29th the District Meeting was held in Youngstown, the guests of Acadia Lodge, No. 82, and Crocus Lodge, No. 115. The district was well represented and a very profitable time was spent. The Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very commendable manner by the officers of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146. Much appreciated and instructive addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Past Grand Master, who was representing the M.W. the Grand Master who was unable to attend, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and M.W. Bro. MacDonald, Past Grand Master.

ROSEBUD LODGE, U.D.

On March 7th I visited the village of Rosebud where a number of Master Masons had gathered. These brethren had been endeavoring for the past two years to form a lodge at Rosebud. After examining the brethren as to their skill and ascertaining that they had a suitable meeting place and a sufficient territory from which to draw membership, I took great pleasure in recommending to the M.W. the Grand Master that a dispensation be granted to these brethren to form a lodge at Rosebud. In due time the M.W. the Grand Master granted the dispensation which I had the pleasure of presenting to these brethren on April 13th. At this meeting visiting brethren were present from Drumheller, Standard, Rockyford and Carbon Lodges. In communication with several of the brethren of Rosebud Lodge, U.D., since receiving their dispensation, I learn that they have secured their complete regalia and have received a number of applications for affiliation and for membership by initiation. I would therefore recommend to the incoming Grand Master that a dispensation be continued to Rosebud Lodge, U.D.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

On March 16th I paid an official visit to Hand Hill Lodge, No. 98, at which meeting there was a good attendance notwithstanding the fact that a blizzard had been raging the day previous and had piled the snow three and four feet deep in places. The books and records are neatly kept by the Secretary, and the lodge is progressing favorably. The officers and members take a deep interest in Masonic work, especially the Master, W. Bro. Bigelow, through whom the members present received a real treat in the fine address of W. Bro. Carr of St. John's Lodge, Winnipeg.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

This is my home lodge. I have attended the majority of the meetings throughout the year and officially visited on March 23rd. On this occasion the W.M., Bro. J. W. Lawrence, conferred the E. A. degree upon two candidates in a very creditable manner. The lodge is steadily and firmly progressing; finances are in splendid shape and prospects bright.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

On April 14th I visited Rockyford Lodge, No. 123. This was their regular meeting night and I requested that they meet an hour earlier than usual so that I might depart on the passenger train at

8:25. This lodge, having the misfortune of having to change their place of meeting, was meeting for the first time in the Town Hall and on account of all things being disarranged and unfortunately the W.M. being sick, Past Master W. Bro. V. Chapman opened the lodge at 8:00 o'clock, which gave me only a short time to make a visit. However, I had examined the books earlier in the evening and found them well kept and up to date. The fraternal spirit prevailing between the brethren was indicative of no lack of interest in Masonic work.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

On April 19th I officially visited Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132. I spent the day visiting among the brethren and examined the books and records, which I found well kept and up to date. The W.M., W. Bro. Wegren, and his officers are very energetic in their work and the lodge is favorably progressing and finances are in splendid shape. The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. By the number of members present at this meeting it was shown that there was no lack of Masonic interest in Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

On May 4th I visited Hanna Lodge, No. 78, and inspected their new lodge room on the top floor of the Memorial Hall, which makes an ideal lodge room. I was well pleased with their selection and have every belief that their new quarters will be for the good of Masonry in the Hanna district. The books of this lodge are neatly kept and up to date. The arrears of dues that were outstanding on December 27, 1926, have been greatly reduced since that date. Finances are in splendid shape and the lodge in a prosperous condition.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

I visited Symbol Lodge, No. 93, on May 12th. This is the largest lodge in the district. I found the books neatly kept and up to date, finances in good shape and the lodge progressing favorably. The fraternal feeling among the members was shown by the many comments made re their deceased member R.W. Bro. Holden, whose death occurred recently in Vancouver.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 99

I have not as yet visited this lodge, but in conversation with several of the members, I learned they are meeting about four times a year. Their finances are in fair shape and the officers are capable of conferring the three degrees, but on account of crop conditions the lodge is not progressing numerically. It is my intention to meet these brethren before my term of office expires.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred upon me and for the courtesy and good fellowship extended to me during my term.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. CHAPMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Three Hills, May 15, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy for the Fifteenth Masonic District for the past year.

I found a great interest being taken in the study of Masonry in every lodge in the district that I had the pleasure to visit. Several lodges in this district have Masonic libraries which give each brother an opportunity for further research in the great study of Masonry.

I appreciate the honor of being elected D.D.G.M. at the District Meeting held in Three Hills on October 30, 1925, by a good representation from every lodge in this district, and I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for this great honor conferred upon me. If, in my visits to the various lodges in the district, I have been able to convey to the brethren some of my ideas and ideals of Masonry, I want to say that I thank them for the broad vision of Masonry I have gained during these visits.

A general summary of the work done in District Fifteen leads me to believe that we are numerically and financially in excellent condition. We have not suffered in any respect by a serious loss of members through non-payment of dues and I find that every Master and Secretary is doing his utmost to bring this important matter down to the lowest minimum, and with the interest that is being shown in Masonry I think that it is only a matter of two or three years until each lodge will have few, if any, outstanding dues.

DISTRICT MEETING

A district meeting was held at Trochu on November 1st, and notwithstanding the fact that the brethren were busy with their threshing, we had a splendid gathering of eighty-four members from the whole district, with the exception of Bashaw. It was with regret that we learned that R.W. Bro. Murdock was sick and unable to come to our meeting. Our Grand Master was unable to be with us on that occasion and M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis came in his stead, accompanied by our genial Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

After the usual greetings to our Grand Lodge officers, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The district meeting was opened by St. Andrews' Lodge, No. 66, with W. Bro. Evans in the chair. The officers of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, exemplified the Master Mason degree in a most creditable manner and were heartily congratulated by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor on their proficiency. Of the eight lodges in this district, only one is working in the York Rite, the balance working the Canadian Rite. On this occasion we had with us Bro. (Rev.) George Fielder, of Perfection Lodge, No. 9, Calgary, who gave us an interesting address on Masonry. W. Bro. Spires, of Cavell Lodge, No. 125, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and the village of Carbon was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

ACME LODGE, No. 60

On May 9th I paid my official visit to Acme Lodge, No. 60, and owing to severe weather conditions I could not get any brethren to accompany me, and I made this journey by train. I was greeted in

the town on my arrival by several brethren whom I had met previously. There being no business or degree work, we spent a pleasant hour discussing matters in general and I afterwards discussed with them the question of lodge dues and fees. W. Bro. Van Wart handles this lodge in a manner that is very creditable and the officers and members are very loyal to him. I am satisfied that the degrees can be conferred as I have visited this lodge before when their officers had degree work. I feel that their future outlook is good as they have several Past Masters and with W. Bro. Grainger's and W. Bro. Claypool's assistance they have nothing to fear. The Secretary, Bro. Beacom, has his books in the best of shape and the lodge is in good financial condition. The historical register and the library are well looked after.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 66

I visited this lodge several times unofficially and had an opportunity to look into matters and I always found the officers well skilled in their work. The Secretary keeps all books in a satisfactory manner. The historical register is well written up. Our district meeting was held here on November 1st, when we were taken care of by W. Bro. Evans and his officers in a most hospitable manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on their new home and the manner in which it is kept. They are in good financial circumstances, there being a very small amount owing on their new lodge premises.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76

I visited this lodge on May 10th. Unfortunately I had prepared to go there several times, but owing to the severity of the weather could not make the journey, hence, seeing the roads would not be passable, I travelled by train. As there was no degree work, the question of building a home of their own was discussed and I outlined the plans of St. Andrew's Lodge as well as I could and congratulated them on making the start. R.W. Bro. Murdoch, P.D.D.G.M., was unable to be there owing to sickness, which was much regretted. I gave a short address on dues and fees and stressed the fact of making a success of building a temple. This lodge is to be congratulated on the manner in which its books are being kept and the neatness and faultless condition of every record. I found this lodge proficient in its work.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

I visited this lodge on November 16th and was cordially received. R.W. Bros. Braisher, Code and Macdonald were present and assisted in making our meeting a success. I gave a short address on Masonry and after lodge we were banqueted with the usual good spirit of Carbon Lodge. I want to take this opportunity of thanking Bros. Raffan and Hamilton for accompanying me on this occasion.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 109

I made my official visit to Ancient Landmark Lodge on November 17th. This lodge lost their furniture, books and records on November 11th. Through the untiring efforts of W. Bro. Watters and his officers a meeting was held in the Elks Hall, a few blocks from their original home. They were carrying \$400.00 insurance, but that did not nearly cover the loss as they had started a wonderful library, a large number of

books having been left to the lodge in the will of their late Bro. Wm. Brown. There were several Orders meeting in this room, but as Ancient Landmark Lodge owned all the furniture, they lost the most. However, I had already decided to make my visit on November 17th, and, accompanied by Bro. Hamilton, I proceeded to Delburne in a heavy storm, where we were joined by W. Bro. Raper and Bro. Storey, of Cavell Lodge, No. 125. On arrival at Mirror I was greeted with the customary Grand Lodge honors and spent a delightful evening. The Master Mason degree was conferred on four candidates in a manner which is a credit to Masonry. As stated previously, this is the only lodge in this district working the York Rite, but having witnessed this work in other lodges in the province, I feel that W. Bro. Watters and his officers are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts to exemplify this work in such a creditable manner. The lodge is also to be congratulated on not losing any time in getting together, and with the help of the brethren from Alix and the lodges in District No. 9, are now conducting the business of the lodge as usual. R.W. Bros. Mackie and Darlow, of District No. 9, were present and delivered short addresses on Masonry. After a short address given by me, we retired to the banquet room, but, owing to the severe storm, we adjourned at an early hour.

CYPRUS LODGE, No. 113

I visited this lodge on December 15th. This is my home lodge, of which I am Secretary. I was received with the usual Grand Lodge honors. As this was election night, no degree work was exemplified, but having regularly attended the meetings of the lodge I can say that the officers are all proficient in their work and take a great interest in Masonry. On December 27th, I installed the officers, with the assistance of R.W. Bro. McFee. I wish to thank the brethren of Cyprus Lodge for the assistance they have given me during my term of office.

CAVELL LODGE, No. 125

I visited this lodge on May 12th, accompanied by eight of the brethren from Cyprus Lodge, and was received with the usual honors. I had the pleasure of again meeting W. Bro. Spires, D.D.G.M. elect, on this occasion. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very able manner by W. Bro. Roper, assisted by W. Bros. Spires and McHardy. I would like to comment on the proficient manner in which the Junior Warden, Bro. Hodges, delivered the charge, which gives promise of a very excellent future Master. The books of the lodge are accurate and neatly kept as is also the historical register. A very enjoyable time was spent around the festive board at the conclusion of the work of the lodge.

IRRICANA LODGE, No. 137

I had planned on making my official visit to this lodge in the winter, but owing to the severity of the weather had to abandon the trip. Again on May the 6th I planned to visit Irricana Lodge, but was called away to attend a trial in Edmonton, and R.W. Bro. McFee very kindly consented to visit the lodge in my stead. I wish to apologize to this lodge for having disappointed them twice, but it was unavoidable. R.W. Bro. McFee reported to me as follows:

"In accordance with your request, I officially visited Irricana Lodge, No. 137, on the 6th instant. I was accompanied by a number of the brethren of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, including the W.M., both Wardens, and Past Masters Bell and Howe. Considering the time of

year, when farm operations are in full swing, a large number of the brethren of Irricana Lodge were present at this emergent communication. The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Henry and his officers. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a very healthy financial condition. The brethren are enthusiastic and a good fraternal spirit prevails. The social hour, under the chairmanship of W. Bro. Nicholson, was much enjoyed by all."

I have no remarks to make regarding finances or benevolent funds as these are being handled in a satisfactory way by all lodges concerned, and I think that the instructions of our Grand Lodge officers along these lines have been beneficial.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members of the Fifteenth Masonic District for the kindnesses and courtesies shown me during my term of office and I bespeak for my successor a continuance of the same generous co-operation and good will.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM HARTE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69), "That as the reports of your representatives will appear in the proceedings and would take much time to read individually, they be taken as read."

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the representatives of District No. 2 would meet at the close of the afternoon session to elect a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, occasioned by the death of W. Bro. Hugh Stainsleigh, D.D.G.M. elect for the jurisdiction, and that the representatives of District No. 7 would also meet at the same time to elect a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, occasioned by the removal of W. Bro. H. E. Kelley, D.D.G.M. elect, from the district.

It was subsequently reported that R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat, had been elected to the office of D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, and that R.W. Bro. O. Rostrup (58), Cardston, had been elected to the office of D.D.G.M. of District No. 7.

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1926:

February 1, 1926, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 4,910.73
Total Deposits.....	24,190.62
	\$29,101.35

Less:

Cheques issued.....	\$11,404.92
Transfers to Benevolent and Relief Funds ...	12,468.16
	\$23,873.08

January 31, 1927, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 5,228.27
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A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in report of Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. W. R. Davis (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-second Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending January 31, 1927, also a statement of the investments made by Grand Lodge, and of the assets and liabilities as of that date. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 27, 1926, together with a statement of certificates and charters issued; new lodges formed; bylaws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued; and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 626 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 24 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 135 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Efficiency Lodge, No. 141, at Hughenden, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted July 10, 1926, by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, at Edmonton, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted July 8, 1926, by M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master.

Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, at Jasper, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted June 24, 1926, by M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master.

Gratton Lodge, No. 144, at Irma, in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 9, 1926, by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145, at St. Paul de Metis, in the Tenth Masonic District, constituted July 29, 1926, by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden.

Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, at Drumheller, in the Fourteenth Masonic District, constituted June 29, 1926, by M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master.

New Lodges

Northland Lodge, at Waterhole, in the Thirteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 13, 1926. Donald A. Munro, W.M.; Eld. James Martin, S.W.; Gordon Hull, J.W. Instituted July 30, 1926, by R.W. Bro. P. H. Belcher, D.D.G.M.

Mayerthorpe Lodge, at Mayerthorpe, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Dispensation issued September 8, 1926. W. K. Ranton, W.M.; Fred Slocombe, S.W.; T. E. Clark, J.W. Instituted November 27, 1926, by R.W. Bro. Wm. Gilfillan, D.D.G.M.

Rosebud Lodge, at Rosebud, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued March 22, 1927. George N. De Foe, W.M.; George A. Love, S.W.; Wallace W. Bolick, J.W. Instituted April 13, 1927, by R.W. Bro. M. L. Chapman, D.D.G.M.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

North Star, No. 4.....	July 30, 1926
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Nov. 2, 1926
Northland, U.D.	Nov. 6, 1926
Jasper Park, No. 143.....	Nov. 17, 1926
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Jan. 19, 1927

Amendments to By-Laws

Oyen, No. 104.....	Sept. 2, 1926
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Sept. 13, 1926
Spitzie, No. 6.....	Sept. 30, 1926
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Oct. 7, 1926
Edson, No. 68.....	Oct. 30, 1926
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Oct. 30, 1926
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Nov. 18, 1926
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Jan. 6, 1927
Monitor, No. 120.....	Jan. 14, 1927
Carstairs, No. 20.....	Jan. 19, 1927
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Jan. 21, 1927
Bow River, No. 1.....	Feb. 8, 1927
Zetland, No. 83.....	Feb. 17, 1927
King George, No. 59.....	Feb. 18, 1927
King George, No. 59.....	Feb. 18, 1927
King George, No. 59.....	Feb. 18, 1927
York, No. 119.....	Mar. 23, 1927
Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....	Mar. 23, 1927
Mizpah, No. 35.....	Mar. 23, 1927
Bow River, No. 1.....	Mar. 31, 1927
Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	Apr. 22, 1927
Lamont, No. 94.....	Apr. 22, 1927
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	May 4, 1927
Acme, No. 60.....	May 4, 1927
Commercial, No. 81.....	May 9, 1927
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	May 9, 1927
Renfrew, No. 134.....	May 16, 1927

Dispensations

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Vermilion, No. 24.....	June 11, 1926
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 11, 1926
Cavell, No. 125.....	June 12, 1926
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	June 15, 1926
King Hiram, No. 21.....	June 15, 1926
Strathmore, No. 53.....	June 15, 1926
Charity, No. 67.....	June 15, 1926
Nanton, No. 17.....	June 18, 1926
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 18, 1926
Doric, No. 31.....	June 18, 1926
Fidelity, No. 76.....	June 18, 1926
Grande Prairie, No. 105.....	June 18, 1926
Irricana, No. 137.....	June 18, 1926

Big Valley, No. 140.....	June 19, 1926
King George, No. 59.....	June 19, 1926
Cascade, No. 5.....	June 21, 1926
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 23, 1926
Alberta, No. 3.....	June 25, 1926
Morning Star, No. 79.....	June 25, 1926
Crescent, No. 87.....	June 26, 1926
Provost, No. 61.....	June 30, 1926
Bow Island, No. 64.....	July 2, 1926
Carbon, No. 107.....	July 12, 1926
Hope, No. 38.....	Aug. 4, 1926
Pembina, No. 126.....	Aug. 5, 1926
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Sept. 28, 1926
Gratton, No. 144.....	Oct. 7, 1926
Symbol, No. 93.....	Oct. 19, 1926
Bow River, No. 1.....	Apr. 29, 1927
Alliance, No. 135.....	May 7, 1927
Victoria, No. 13.....	May 11, 1927
Carstairs, No. 20.....	May 23, 1927
St. Mark's, No. 119.....	May 27, 1927

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Gratton, No. 144.....	July 30, 1926
Connaught, No. 69.....	Aug. 25, 1926
Onoway, No. 138.....	Nov. 22, 1926
Oyen, No. 104.....	Jan. 17, 1927
Pembina, No. 126.....	Feb. 23, 1927
Dynamic, No. 96.....	Feb. 23, 1927
Victoria, No. 13.....	Feb. 5, 1927
Dynamic, No. 96.....	Apr. 1, 1927
Doric, No. 31.....	Apr. 16, 1927
Crossfield, No. 48.....	Apr. 26, 1927
Rockyford, No. 123.....	May 16, 1927
Eureka, No. 10.....	May 28, 1927

To Hold Special Installations

Palestine, No. 46.....	June 19, 1926
Connaught, No. 69.....	June 19, 1926
Jasper, No. 14.....	June 23, 1926
St. Andrew's, No. 66.....	July 20, 1926
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Nov. 13, 1926
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Nov. 16, 1926
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 22, 1926
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 22, 1926
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 4, 1926
Dominion, No. 117.....	Dec. 4, 1926
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Dec. 4, 1926
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 6, 1926
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 6, 1926
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 9, 1926
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 13, 1926
Westlock, No. 114.....	Dec. 13, 1926
Britannia, No. 18.....	Dec. 15, 1926
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 16, 1926
Carbon, No. 107.....	Dec. 17, 1926

Rockyford, No. 123.....	Dec. 18, 1926
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 20, 1926
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 22, 1926
Champion, No. 84.....	Dec. 22, 1926
Meridian, No. 129.....	Dec. 22, 1926
Strathcona, No. 77.....	Dec. 23, 1926
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec. 23, 1926
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Dec. 24, 1926
Big Valley, No. 133.....	Dec. 27, 1926
Irricana, No. 137.....	Dec. 27, 1926
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 28, 1926
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Jan. 3, 1927
Efficiency, No. 141.....	Jan. 5, 1927
Suffield, No. 85.....	Jan. 10, 1927
Warner, No. 100.....	Jan. 13, 1927
Monitor, No. 120.....	Jan. 18, 1927
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Feb. 10, 1927
Rockyford, No. 123.....	Feb. 5, 1927
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Mar. 9, 1927
Edson, No. 68.....	May 25, 1927

To Hold Special Elections

Renfrew, No. 134.....	Nov. 24, 1926
Oyen, No. 104.....	Dec. 20, 1926
Efficiency, No. 141.....	Dec. 20, 1926

To Change Night of Regular Meeting

Suffield, No. 85.....	Sept. 1, 1926
Harmony, No. 75.....	Oct. 7, 1926
Alberta, No. 3.....	Oct. 13, 1926
North Star, No. 4.....	Oct. 18, 1926
Concord, No. 124.....	Oct. 20, 1926
Cairo, No. 32.....	Nov. 1, 1926
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 23, 1926
Alberta, No. 3.....	Dec. 1, 1926
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Dec. 4, 1926
Commercial, No. 81.....	Dec. 14, 1926
Monitor, No. 120.....	Mar. 5, 1927
Irricana, No. 137.....	Mar. 26, 1927
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Apr. 1, 1927
Zetland, No. 83.....	Apr. 11, 1927
Acme, No. 60.....	Apr. 25, 1927
Acme, No. 60.....	May 3, 1927
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	May 19, 1927
North Star, No. 4.....	May 21, 1927
Excelsior, No. 80.....	May 31, 1927
Renfrew, No. 134.....	May 31, 1927

To Change Hour of Regular Meeting

Concord, No. 124.....	Mar. 28, 1927
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To Act with Physical Defect

Nobleford, No. 111.....	Aug. 3, 1926
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Sept. 14, 1926
Jasper, No. 14.....	Sept. 22, 1926
Northland, U.D.....	Nov. 9, 1926
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Nov. 30, 1926
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Nov. 30, 1926

To Ballot on Petitions for Membership Within Prescribed Time

Strathmore, No. 53.....	July 29, 1926
Dynamic, No. 96.....	Sept. 28, 1926

To Initiate without Residence Qualifications

Irricana, No. 137.....	June 19, 1926
Beaver, No. 56.....	Apr. 29, 1927

To Confer Degrees Out of Time

Cascade, No. 5.....	Sept. 8, 1926
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To Install W.M. Without His Having Served Twelve Months as Warden of Lodge

Irricana, No. 137.....	Dec. 27, 1926
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. John N. Fitts, of Storrs, Connecticut, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Walter L. Grier, of Milford, Delaware, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed V.W. Bro. Sir John Ferguson, of London, England, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Harry J. Lord, of Oak Park, Illinois, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, of Regina, Saskatchewan, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The following special committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman; M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid.

Grand Secretary's Report

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, R.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol.

Fraternal Dead

R.W. Bro. R. W. Lyttle, Chairman; R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 27, 1925.....12,665

Increase

Initiated.....	674
Passed.....	638
Raised.....	626
Joined.....	293
Reinstated.....	55
Total Increase.....	1,022

Decrease

Dimitted.....	334
Suspended N.P.D.....	226
Suspended U.M.C.....	1
Died.....	91
Total decrease.....	652

Net increase.....370

Total Membership, December 27, 1926.....13,035

DISTRICT MEETINGS

In accordance with a well defined practice and regulation embodied in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, a district meeting was held last fall in every district in this Grand Jurisdiction. I had the pleasure of attending each of these meetings and can testify to their educational value and their increasing usefulness. They afford an opportunity to the rank and file of Freemasonry of meeting the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, and becoming personally acquainted with them, and also of discussing with them their local problems and difficulties. A large number of our brethren, owing to distance and expense, cannot attend Grand Lodge and district meetings supply to some extent this lack. On the other hand the district meeting is a medium through which much information is brought directly to the brethren. The policy of Grand Lodge on any matter can be

outlined; the errors, omissions and innovations which may have crept in can be corrected, a uniformity of work established and maintained, and a campaign of enlightenment on matters Masonic systematically brought within the reach of every brother.

Needless to say, the amount of good which each district will get out of the district meeting will depend largely upon the amount of enthusiasm and effort put into it. As the result of a number of years' practice and particularly owing to the fact that our D.D.G.M.'s are elected at least six months before they assume office, the district meetings are now carefully planned and the duties of the D.D.G.M. carried out with precision and despatch. With the co-operation of the experienced Past Masters of the district, a program of distinct merit is arranged for, covering an afternoon and evening session. As most of the brethren travel by motor, the serving of a dinner at the usual dinner hour, rather than at the close of the evening session, has been generally adopted. This makes it possible to close the evening session at about 10:00 p.m.

This Grand Lodge is much indebted to the Past Grand Masters who attended a number of these meetings, and assisted in no small degree in making them a success.

Much credit is also due each of the D.D.G.M.'s of the fifteen districts. Without exception they did their utmost to make their meeting just a little better than that of the previous year.

It is now generally conceded that the month of October and the early part of November is the best time for the holding of these meetings. The dates must necessarily be arranged so as to permit the M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers accompanying him, to travel from district to district with as little loss of time as possible. This makes the work of those who attend all these meetings somewhat strenuous, but the fraternal greeting, the kind co-operation of the brethren and their appreciation of the efforts of those who take part in the program, abundantly repay those who are privileged to attend.

Again, I desire to thank the brethren for their many acts of kindness during my visits to the various districts, and especially the M.W. the Grand Master for the courtesies extended to me throughout the year.

"There is destiny which makes us brothers;

None goes his way alone;

All that we send into the lives of others

Comes back into our own."

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Grand Secretary.

*Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and
Auditor's Report for the Year Ending
January 31st, 1927*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1, 1926, and January 31, 1927.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$494.35	40.	Joppa.....	88.25
2.	Medicine Hat.....	355.05	41.	King Solomon.....	111.45
3.	Alberta.....	147.50	42.	Bowden.....	107.75
4.	North Star.....	244.55	43.	Tuscan.....	203.30
5.	Cascade.....	291.65	44.	Buffalo Park.....	115.25
6.	Spitzie.....	214.00	45.	Ionic.....	109.95
7.	Edmonton.....	554.05	46.	Palestine.....	97.80
8.	Innisfail.....	95.35	47.	Chinook.....	119.90
9.	Perfection.....	711.50	48.	Crossfield.....	119.25
10.	Eureka.....	232.90	49.	Robert Burns.....	97.45
11.	Acacia.....	320.35	50.	Comet.....	47.15
12.	Red Deer.....	245.20	51.	Unity.....	714.50
13.	Victoria.....	88.50	53.	Strathmore.....	178.05
14.	Jasper.....	324.55	54.	Mount Lebanon.....	420.10
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	169.25	55.	Bassano.....	209.40
16.	Mountain View.....	114.30	56.	Beaver.....	123.00
17.	Nanton.....	87.90	57.	Grassy Lake.....	57.00
18.	Britannia.....	149.90	58.	Chief Mountain.....	87.50
19.	Cornerstone.....	346.20	59.	King George.....	292.75
20.	Carstairs.....	124.03	60.	Acme.....	112.25
21.	King Hiram.....	177.60	61.	Provost.....	185.50
22.	Corinthian.....	168.80	62.	Coal.....	89.00
23.	Calgary.....	683.45	63.	Empire.....	312.60
24.	Vermilion.....	181.90	64.	Bow Island.....	68.50
25.	St. John's.....	156.35	65.	Diamond City.....	54.05
26.	Sentinel.....	131.15	66.	St. Andrew's.....	82.00
27.	Apollo.....	223.75	67.	Charity.....	148.00
28.	Ashlar.....	398.85	68.	Edson.....	133.80
29.	Kenilworth.....	191.25	69.	Connaught.....	49.10
30.	Summit.....	143.90	70.	Quarry.....	91.55
31.	Doric.....	112.40	71.	Tawatinaw.....	63.50
32.	Cairo.....	158.00	72.	Coronation.....	152.70
33.	Stavely.....	136.70	73.	Brooks.....	190.70
34.	Star of the West.....	113.90	74.	Vulcan.....	179.55
35.	Mizpah.....	230.75	75.	Harmony.....	104.00
36.	Gleichen.....	191.05	76.	Fidelity.....	50.00
37.	Camrose.....	222.75	77.	Strathcona.....	479.95
38.	Hope.....	95.85	78.	Hanna.....	160.65
39.	Lethbridge.....	317.25	79.	Morning Star.....	103.45

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
80.	Excelsior.....	102.05	117.	Dominion.....	124.95
81.	Commercial.....	422.10	118.	St. Mark's.....	154.95
82.	Acadia.....	140.45	119.	York.....	212.95
83.	Zetland.....	364.50	120.	Monitor.....	206.00
84.	Champion.....	185.30	121.	Clive.....	26.50
85.	Suffield.....	25.50	122.	Rising Sun.....	55.90
86.	Rocky Mountain....	65.50	123.	Rockyford.....	65.00
87.	Crescent.....	378.70	124.	Concord.....	180.55
88.	Wahpun.....	69.50	125.	Cavell.....	75.30
89.	Peace River.....	136.40	126.	Pembina.....	69.45
90.	Norwood.....	229.60	127.	Granite.....	54.50
91.	Patricia.....	709.50	128.	Forestburg.....	64.10
92.	Saskatchewan.....	193.53	129.	Meridian.....	50.15
93.	Symbol.....	279.65	130.	Hussar.....	112.75
94.	Lamont.....	80.00	131.	Kitscoty.....	58.25
95.	Kitchener.....	27.75	132.	Craigmyle.....	34.25
96.	Dynamic.....	98.85	133.	Manyberries.....	52.25
97.	Albion.....	58.65	134.	Renfrew.....	253.80
98.	Hand Hill.....	96.15	135.	Alliance.....	90.90
99.	Mount Moriah.....	66.65	136.	Cresset.....	57.00
100.	Warner.....	71.65	137.	Irricana.....	78.10
101.	West Edmonton....	265.60	138.	Onoway.....	41.45
102.	Edgerton.....	107.15	139.	Melrose.....	101.41
103.	Foremost.....	110.05	140.	Big Valley.....	123.70
104.	Oyen.....	122.65	141.	Efficiency.....	16.20
105.	Grande Prairie....	157.15	142.	Ivanhoe.....	172.15
106.	Lake Saskatoon....	94.95	143.	Jasper Park.....	141.15
107.	Carbon.....	112.30	144.	Gratton.....	89.70
108.	Pyramid.....	59.50	145.	St. Alban's.....	97.80
109.	Ancient Landmark..	142.90	146.	Drumheller.....	99.15
110.	Kilwinning.....	96.05	U.D.	Northland.....	137.90
111.	Nobleford.....	36.65	U.D.	Mayerthorpe.....	85.15
112.	Victory.....	30.00		Sundry Accounts...	1.20
113.	Cyprus.....	42.75		Masonic District No. 11	76.40
114.	Westlock.....	156.85			
115.	Crocus.....	62.80			
116.	Spirit River.....	117.20			
				Total.....	\$24,234.87

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1927

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$243.25	22.	Corinthian.....	4.25
2.	Medicine Hat.....	2.60	23.	Calgary.....	2.55
3.	Alberta.....	5.05	25.	St. John's.....	1.75
6.	Spitzie.....	25.85	26.	Sentinel.....	8.45
8.	Innisfail.....	1.15	27.	Apollo.....	.05
11.	Acacia.....	5.80	29.	Kenilworth.....	13.90
12.	Red Deer.....	3.60	30.	Summit.....	4.50
13.	Victoria.....	7.21	31.	Doric.....	37.25
16.	Mountain View.....	1.20	32.	Cairo.....	2.05
17.	Nanton.....	3.78	34.	Star of the West....	11.10
19.	Cornerstone.....	2.85	35.	Mizpah.....	2.70
20.	Carstairs.....	18.27	38.	Hope.....	22.45
21.	King Hiram.....	4.65	39.	Lethbridge.....	9.10

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
43.	Tuscan.....	2.75	98.	Hand Hill.....	.95
45.	Ionic.....	30.80	99.	Mount Moriah.....	.15
46.	Palestine.....	1.70	100.	Warner.....	15.30
47.	Chinook.....	.40	101.	West Edmonton.....	24.55
48.	Crossfield.....	.15	103.	Foremost.....	1.50
49.	Robert Burns.....	5.85	104.	Oyen.....	2.05
50.	Comet.....	5.15	107.	Carbon.....	4.10
51.	Unity.....	1.45	108.	Pyramid.....	2.50
53.	Strathmore.....	6.30	109.	Ancient Landmark.....	33.80
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	3.50	110.	Kilwinning.....	3.70
56.	Beaver.....	3.75	111.	Nobleford.....	2.05
57.	Grassy Lake.....	21.25	112.	Victory.....	3.80
61.	Provost.....	10.55	114.	Westlock.....	36.70
63.	Empire.....	.35	115.	Crocus.....	.90
64.	Bow Island.....	16.95	116.	Spirit River.....	2.10
66.	St. Andrews.....	3.50	117.	Dominion.....	8.15
67.	Charity.....	4.00	120.	Monitor.....	100.95
68.	Edson.....	9.25	122.	Rising Sun.....	.94
69.	Connaught.....	.60	123.	Rockyford.....	.20
70.	Quarry.....	9.05	124.	Concord.....	4.85
71.	Tawatinaw.....	1.10	125.	Cavell.....	1.20
72.	Coronation.....	1.85	126.	Pembina.....	6.75
73.	Brooks.....	1.40	127.	Granite.....	2.95
74.	Vulcan.....	13.40	128.	Forestburg.....	.85
76.	Fidelity.....	151.80	129.	Meridian.....	2.65
77.	Strathcona.....	10.10	131.	Kitscoty.....	1.10
78.	Hanna.....	18.85	132.	Craigsmyle.....	5.70
79.	Morning Star.....	1.55	134.	Renfrew.....	5.55
80.	Excelsior.....	.13	135.	Alliance.....	46.70
81.	Commercial.....	.35	136.	Cresset.....	1.20
83.	Zetland.....	1.05	137.	Irricana.....	29.50
85.	Suffield.....	52.80	139.	Melrose.....	.44
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	.80	140.	Big Valley.....	6.15
87.	Crescent.....	9.15	141.	Efficiency.....	61.85
88.	Wahpun.....	.80	142.	Ivanhoe.....	4.00
89.	Peace River.....	2.10	143.	Jasper Park.....	10.60
90.	Norwood.....	2.95	144.	Gratton.....	.45
91.	Patricia.....	36.00	145.	At. Alban's.....	1.65
92.	Saskatchewan.....	4.27	146.	Drumheller.....	2.00
93.	Symbol.....	3.40	U.D.	Mayerthorpe.....	.40
94.	Lamont.....	1.00	Masonic Dist., No. 11.....	.15	
95.	Kitchener.....	1.40	Masonic Dist., No. 12.....	.15	
96.	Dynamic.....	2.85			
97.	Albion.....	2.55			
			Total.....		\$1,345.54

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1927

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
4.	North Star.....	27.80	18.	Britannia.....	4.95
5.	Cascade.....	4.60	24.	Vermillion.....	7.01
7.	Edmonton.....	17.35	28.	Ashlar.....	15.65
10.	Eureka.....	10.10	36.	Gleichen.....	4.15
14.	Jasper.....	1.85	37.	Camrose.....	.25
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.30	41.	King Solomon.....	42.05

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
42.	Bowden.....	5.35	119.	York.....	37.85
44.	Buffalo Park.....	33.40	121.	Clive.....	.42
55.	Bassano.....	46.10	130.	Hussar.....	42.60
58.	Chief Mountain.....	.70	133.	Manyberries.....	3.25
60.	Acme.....	5.65	138.	Onoway.....	12.00
62.	Coal.....	25.20	U.D. Northland.....		27.00
82.	Acadia.....	25.25	Masonic District, No. 2....		17.30
84.	Champion.....	11.05	Masonic District, No. 5....		.10
102.	Edgerton.....	1.06	Masonic District, No. 9....		8.75
105.	Grande Prairie.....	17.50	Masonic District, No. 12. .		1.50
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	4.65			
113.	Cyprus.....	4.25	Total.....		<u>\$467.74</u>
118.	St. Mark's.....	.75			

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND RECEIPTS

From February 1, 1926, to January 31, 1927.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
14.	Jasper.....\$	12.00	Transferred from Cur-
44.	Buffalo Park.....	12.00	rent Account
	District No. 3	17.25	Interest, Savings
	Rent, 3rd Ave. property		
	Calgary.....	120.00	
	Rent, 14th Ave. prop-		
	Calgary.....	534.90	<u>\$7,016.30</u>

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1926—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 6,891.69
Cash Receipts.....	696.15
Dues.....	6,234.08
Interest, Savings.....	86.07
	<u>\$13,907.99</u>
Less:	
Invested in Bonds.....	\$5,115.07
City of Calgary, Taxes.....	277.77
Security Trust Co. Insurance.....	160.20
Crossland & Beale, Papering.....	57.00
Geo. E. Boulton, Repairs.....	8.50
McDonald Bros., Repairs.....	36.00
Transfer to Relief Fund Account...	115.43
	<u>5,769.97</u>
Feb. 1, 1927—Balance in Savings Account.....	<u>\$ 8,138.02</u>

MASONIC RELIEF FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1926—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 7,565.66
Interest on Bonds.....	5,355.81
Dues.....	6,234.08
Transferred from Benevolent Fund.....	115.43
Champion Lodge No. 84, Grant to Widow ..	60.00
Repayment of Loan:	
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118.....	200.00
Interest, Savings.....	71.86
	\$19,602.84
Less:	
Total Cheques Issued.....	\$12,066.68
Cheques Cancelled & Outstanding.	45.00
	\$12,021.68
Feb. 1, 1927—Balance in Savings Account.....	\$ 7,581.16

INVESTMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNT

Benevolent Fund:	
Dominion and Provincial Bonds (Par Value).....	\$107,503.33
Calgary Real Estate.....	7,200.00
Benevolent Loans.....	500.00
	\$115,203.33

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1927

Dominion and Provincial Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$ 1,295.88
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 31st, 1927

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1927, and submit herewith the following statements:

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at 31st January, 1927.

Abstract statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General and Benevolent Funds for the period.

Revenue Account for the period showing the result of operations during the past year.

I have to report that all my requirements as auditor have been complied with, that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me covering all payments, and all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered.

The loans from the Benevolent Fund remain at the same figure as last year, no payments having been received on same. I have not charged the accrued interest as authorized by Grand Lodge, as I did not consider it advisable to inflate the amount of these loans owing to their long standing.

The financial position as disclosed by these statements is highly satisfactory, and your Committee and Officers in charge are to be commended for such an excellent showing.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JANUARY 31st, 1927

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 5,228.27	Balances due to Lodges.....	\$ 467.74
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,345.54	Surplus Account:	
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand.....	6,036.48	Balance Feb. 1, 1926.....	\$11,666.71
Furniture & Fixtures.....	984.90	Plus Net Increase as per	
Regalia.....	202.50	Revenue Statement.....	1,737.89
Balances due from Relief and Benevolent Funds.....	64.50		\$ 13,404.60
Cheque held for deposit.....	10.15		\$ 13,872.34
	\$ 13,872.34		
Benevolent Funds:		Benevolent Funds:	
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia,		Balances due General Fund.....	64.50
Savings Account—Relief Fund.....	7,531.16	Benevolent Fund Capital Account	
Savings Account—Benevolent Fund.....	8,138.02	Balance Feb'y 1, 1926.....	104,648.42
		Less adjustment on value of	
		Real Estate.....	800.00
			103,848.42
Investments:		Plus additions during year..	6,509.03
Dominion of Canada & Provincial Government Bonds at cost (par value \$107,503.33).....	106,034.06		110,357.45
Real Estate.....	7,200.00	Relief Fund:	
Sundry Loans.....	500.00	Balance Feb. 1, 1926.....	15,512.05
Accrued Interest.....	1,295.88	Plus additions during year..	4,765.12
	130,699.12		20,277.17
	\$144,571.46		130,699.12
			\$144,571.46

Calgary, May 31st, 1927.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months Ended January 31st, 1927

By Membership Fees.....	\$ 6,201.50
" Initiation Fees.....	1,244.00
" Certificate Fees.....	1,346.00
" Life Membership Fees.....	144.00
" Charter Fees.....	220.00
" Dispensations.....	352.00
" Supplies sold.....	2,473.30
Gross Revenue.....	\$11,980.80

To Cost of Supplies Sold:

Inventory February 1, 1926.....	\$4,810.87
Purchases.....	2,856.46
	7,667.33
Less Inventory Jan. 31, 1927	6,036.48
	\$1,630.85

To Office Expenses:

Rent.....	744.00
Salaries..	4,350.00
Postage..	251.88
Telephones and Telegrams.....	100.55
General Expenses.....	1,329.71
	6,776.14

To Insurance.....	282.38
" Printing	1,235.34
" Regalia.....	161.10
	1,678.82

" Depreciation:

Furniture and Fixtures.....	134.60
Regalia.....	22.50
	157.10
	10,242.91

Net Increase for the Year.....		\$ 1,737.89
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GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926 to January 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank February 1st, 1926.....	\$ 4,910.73
" Receipts from Lodges	24,190.62

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books, Stationery & Supplies.....	\$ 2,856.46
" General Expenses.....	1,329.71
" Fixtures.....	27.50
" Insurance.....	282.38
" Office Rent.....	744.00
" Salaries.....	4,350.00
" Postage, Express, etc.....	251.88
" Printing.....	1,235.34
" Regalia.....	161.10
" Telephone & Telegrams.....	100.55
" Exchange.....	66.00
" Fees collected from Lodges transferred to Relief and Benevolent Funds.....	\$ 11,404.92 12,468.16
" Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	5,228.27
	\$ 29,101.35

\$ 29,101.35

Calgary, May 31st, 1927.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.
Auditor

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926,
to January 31st, 1927

To	Balance in Bank February 1st, 1926.....	\$6,891.69	
"	Membership Fees transferred from Current Account.....	6,234.08	
"	Rents from Properties.....	654.90	
"	Donations.....	41.25	
"	Interest on Savings Account.....	86.07	
By	Invested in Bonds.....		\$ 5,115.07
"	Taxes on Properties ..		277.77
"	Insurance on Properties..		160.20
"	Repairs to Properties ..		101.50
"	Transferred to Relief Fund ..		115.43
"	Balance in Savings Account.....		8,138.02
		<u>\$13,907.99</u>	<u>\$13,907.99</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926,
to January 31st, 1927

To	Balance in Bank Feb. 1st, 1926.....	\$7,480.66	
"	Membership Fees transferred from Current Account.....	6,234.08	
"	Interest on Bond Investments.....	5,355.81	
"	Interest on Savings Account..	71.86	
"	Revenue from Properties.....	115.43	
"	Repayments of Loans and Grants.....	260.00	
By	Grants made.....		\$ 7,239.48
"	Bonds purchased.....		4,747.20
"	Balance in Bank.....		7,531.16
		<u>\$19,517.84</u>	<u>\$19,517.84</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st to May 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
To Balance in Bank February 1st, 1927.....	\$ 5,228.27	By Books and Stationery.....	\$ 672.51
" Receipts from Lodges.....	4,402.02	" General Expense	176.89
		" Insurance.....	152.78
		" Rent.....	248.00
		" Salaries.....	1,442.50
		" Postage and Express	80.88
		" Printing.....	36.91
		" Regalia.....	44.10
		" Telephones and Telegrams.....	44.33
		" Exchange.....	18.60
		" Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 2,917.50
			6,712.79
	<u>\$ 9,630.29</u>		<u>\$ 9,630.29</u>

Calgary, June 1st, 1927.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, to
May 31st, 1927

To Balance February 1st, 1927.....	\$8,138.02	
“ Receipts from Rents.....	244.15	
“ Donations.....	25.00	
By Bonds purchased.....		\$7,847.62
“ Taxes on properties.....		277.49
“ Insurance.....		77.20
“ Repairs.....		12.50
“ Balance in Bank.....		192.36
	<u>\$8,407.17</u>	<u>\$8,407.17</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, to
May 31st, 1927

To Balance in Bank February 1st, 1927.....	\$7,531.16	
“ Interest Earnings on Bonds.....	1,769.63	
“ Repayment of Grants.....	40.00	
By Cheques issued on Grants.....		\$2,201.65
“ Balance in Bank.....		7,139.14
	<u>\$9,340.79</u>	<u>\$9,340.79</u>

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), “That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary’s Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor’s Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance.”

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-second Annual Report
as Grand Lodge Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of
the following:

1. Copies of the Proceedings of sister jurisdictions for the present
year, also copies of the Proceedings of former years, where such were
wanting to complete our Grand Lodge Library.

2. Copies of digests, codes, year books, etc., donated.

3. Copies of leading Masonic publications, supplied by their
editors.

The following books have been added to the Grand Lodge Library
for the year ending May 15, 1927:

BOOKS ADDED TO GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

From May 15, 1926, to May 15, 1927.

B

Bywater (Witham Matthew)... Notes on Lau: Dermott G. S. and His
Work.

C

Carlyle (Thomas)..... Essay on Burns.
Cockburn (John A.)..... Freemasonry: What, Whence, Why,
Whither.
Crowe (Fred J. W.) What is Freemasonry?
Things a Freemason Should Know.

D

Douglas (William)..... Freemasonry in Manitoba.

F

Finlayson (J. F.)..... Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.

G

Gibson (John George)..... Builders of Man.
Golby (F. W.) .. A Century of Masonic Working.

H

Harvey (William). Story of the Royal Arch.
Emblems of Freemasonry.
Hazlitt..... Unwritten Laws in Freemasonry.
Holden (Albert J.)..... Holden's Sacred Music for Men's
Voices, for Masonic and Church use.
Hughan (William James)..... Origin of the English Rite of Masonry.
Memorials of the Masonic Union.

L

- Lanier (John J.) The Master Mason.
 Washington, the Great American Ma-
 son.
 The Daughter of Hiram Abiff.
 Lawson (J. Gilchrist)..... The World's Best Epigrams.
 World's Best Humorous Anecdotes.
 Lockwood (Luke A.) Masonic Law and Practice.
 Lund (Rev. T. W. M.)..... The Lake of Como; Its History, Art,
 and Archaeology.

N

- Newton (Joseph Fort)..... Brothers and Builders.

O

- Oliver (Dr.)..... Origin of the Holy Royal Arch.

P

- Paton (C. I.)..... Origin of Freemasonry.
 Peters (Madison C.)..... Masons as Makers of America.
 Powell (Major A. E.)..... Magic of Freemasonry.

R

- Ravenscroft (J. W.)..... The Comacine Masters.

S

- Sanderson (Major M.)..... Examination into the Masonic Ritual.
 Schure (E.)..... Pythagoras and the Delphic Mysteries.

T

- Thorp (J. T.)..... Lecture on the Two Pillars.

W

- Ward (J. S. M.)..... Handbooks of the Three Degrees.
 (Set of 3)
 Outline History of Freemasonry.
 Who was Hiram Abiff?
 Webber (Rev. A. Bernard) Stories and Poems for Public Addresses
 Wright (Dudley)..... Masonic Legends and Traditions.
 Report of the Masonic Overseas Mis-
 sion.

We are pleased to report that a greater number of brethren than heretofore have taken advantage of the Grand Lodge Reference Library, especially those who were preparing addresses upon Masonic subjects.

We recommend the continuance of the annual grant of \$100.00 for the purpose of purchasing additional books.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
 Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. A. Simpson (39), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes desire to report that on Thursday, June 10, 1926, at the Town of Banff, a meeting was held at which the appointment of members of the various sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

The Board again met in the City of Calgary on Tuesday, June 7, 1927, when all matters for consideration were distributed to the proper sub-committees and will appear in the reports presented by them.

Fraternally submitted,

G. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that no matter has been referred to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

N. E. CARRUTHERS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
MASONRY**

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry, after having carefully considered the reports of the fifteen D.D.G.M.'s, beg to report as follows:

We regret to note little or no change in the amount of dues in arrears. As some help in the solution of this problem we would recommend:

(a) That the lodge satisfies itself by carefully budgeting its expenditures, that the amount now levied in annual dues is not excessive.

(b) That Secretaries place upon the summons for each communication the amount due by each brother, stipulating whether "current" or "arrear."

We would suggest that the Secretary enclosed with the first summons of the year a separate statement of dues owing to the lodge.

(c) That as too many members wait until the end of the year before paying dues presumably payable in advance, Masters should impress on their membership that advance payment is necessary for the sound financial health of the lodges.

Degree Work

We regret to observe from the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s that in some cases the work exemplified was not done by the regular officers of the lodge as was recommended by your committee one year ago, and in some cases no degree work was exemplified at all. We believe that uniformity in work can only be perpetuated by continual inspection, and accordingly recommend that the incoming D.D.G.M.'s insist that at least part of a degree be exemplified at each official visit and that that part be exemplified by the regular officers of the lodge.

Attendance

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s at first inspection suggest a low average attendance. Before making comment we would recommend that the Form of Report be so amended as to separate resident and non-resident membership and that the average attendance at lodge meetings be calculated on the basis of resident membership only.

Financial Condition

We are pleased to note that the financial condition of the lodges is generally satisfactory.

We would strongly recommend the consideration by officers of some system of planned expenditure whereby expenses are kept at a reasonable minimum and well within the prospective revenues of the lodge.

Individual Service

We believe that the success or failure of a lodge depends on the opportunity offered the individual brother for service to his lodge and would therefore urge each Worshipful Master to apportion the work of his lodge in all its branches so that every brother, as far as possible, will have some opportunity for direct service.

District Deputies

For diligent service and the duties of their office well performed, we have great pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following brethren:

H. R. Chauncey (28)	Robert Crichton (26)
Robert S. Wight (55)	J. R. Mackie (45)
Horace Rollans (69)	Geo. A. Stewart (24)
W. H. Jackson (8)	W. E. Watkins (84)
J. R. Adams (79)	Wm. Gilfillan (114)
J. S. Blake (17)	P. H. Belcher (105)
John Gilmore (67)	M. L. Chapman (115)
Wm. Harte (113)	

Fraternally submitted,

G. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Chairman of Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock noon.

First Day**Afternoon Session****LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to report that three cases were presented for consideration:

1. Coal Lodge, No. 62, Bawlf, vs. Bro. Nels V. Kvittum.

This brother was tried by his lodge on November 25, 1926, on a charge involving moral turpitude and was found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concurs in the finding of the lodge and recommend that Bro. Nels V. Kvittum be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

2. Re Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland, and Bro. Kilpatrick.

The case covers objections made to the passing of Bro. Kilpatrick in Melrose Lodge, No. 139, Daysland.

Your committee finds that Melrose Lodge, No. 139, had competent jurisdiction, took all the necessary and constitutional steps in investigating the standing of the candidate and regularly initiated him into Masonry after the legal lapse of time.

We find that objections of a general nature only were made, that no charge as provided for by Section 203 of the Constitution was preferred, and that therefore the objections were of, and have no effect.

3. Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, re the name of a brother omitted from the Charter Roll.

We find that the name of the brother was not listed and supported in the required form on the original application for dispensation and therefore may not rightfully appear on the Charter Roll.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,

J. N. RANKIN,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS
AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence regret to report the lamented loss by death of R.W. Bro. G. F. Auxier, a valued and highly efficient member of our Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge of Alberta enter into official fraternal relations with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and that an exchange of representatives be made with this jurisdiction.

With regard to the request for fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama, and of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, we recommend that fraternal recognition be deferred until your committee is in possession of full information regarding these Grand Lodges.

We submit herewith, a review of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges and request that the same be printed as an appendix to our proceedings.

The Chairman of the Committee desires to express his personal appreciation of the able assistance of the following brethren in reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges:

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor,
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop,
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis,
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor,
R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett,
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell,
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

Calgary, June 9, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The usual statements showing the financial transactions of Grand Lodge, together with a Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1927, and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Benevolent Capital Fund as at January 31, 1927, and May 31, 1927, have been printed and distributed amongst the brethren of

Grand Lodge. These statements show Grand Lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial position, and that substantial progress was made during the past year.

Your Finance Committee have carefully examined all expenditures and authorized their payment. All transactions have been audited by the Auditor of Grand Lodge, who has also checked over all securities and certified to their correctness. All surplus funds of Grand Lodge have been invested from time to time during the year in Dominion and Provincial Government Bonds, the amount of such investments now being \$106,034.00.

We recommend that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the surplus in the General Fund and \$15,000.00 from the surplus in the Relief Fund to the Benevolent Fund Capital Account.

We recommend that the value of the real estate held by Grand Lodge at a value of \$7,200.00 be reduced to \$6,000.00.

We also recommend that your committee be authorized to sell the real estate owned by Grand Lodge as soon as possible at the best price obtainable—the price and terms to be left in the hands of your Finance Committee.

We find that the two loans to brethren, amounting to \$500.00, and which were referred to in our report presented to the last communication of Grand Lodge, show no reduction during the past year. We recommend that the brethren owing these loans should be urged to at least make some regular reductions, no matter how small.

Tenders for the printing of the proceedings of Grand Lodge have been called for in Edmonton, Winnipeg and Calgary. The tender of The Albertan Job Press, Calgary, being the lowest, is recommended for your acceptance.

We recommend that W. Bro. William Ireland, Chartered Accountant, be re-appointed Auditor for the ensuing year, and that he be paid the sum of \$150.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorised to purchase a new standard typewriter in place of a portable typewriter, which was authorised at the last communication of Grand Lodge.

We have examined the work of the Grand Secretary very closely, both as Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian. No remuneration is paid for his painstaking and increasing services in the latter capacity. We note that the work has largely increased during the past six years and after careful consideration we recommend that the Grand Secretary's salary be increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,600.00 per annum, payable as heretofore. We are satisfied that we are receiving from our Grand Secretary services that cannot be paid for with salary and that the work he has done and is now doing is of lasting benefit to the Craft in Alberta.

We call the attention of Grand Lodge to the steadily declining returns of interest on our Bond Investments. These rates will doubtless continue to decline, and we will soon be faced with the advisability of placing a part of our surplus funds in higher interest bearing securities. We note that other Grand Lodges in Canada have considerable amounts invested in first mortgages on real estate.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to submit herewith a report of their activities for the present Masonic year.

Your committee are pleased to report that every application for financial assistance has been met and dealt with, we trust, in a satisfactory manner. The total amount expended for benevolence during the year ending February 1, 1927, was \$7,239.48, being an average monthly expenditure of \$603.29, an amount practically the same as that of the former year.

The funds placed at the disposal of the Committee on Benevolence are obtainable from two sources:

1. A per capita tax per annum of 50c per member.
2. The interest on the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

No expenses are incurred by your committee; hence every cent of the money expended for benevolence reaches our beneficiaries.

Your committee commend the wisdom of Grand Lodge in having adopted at its Annual Communication in 1921 a number of regulations governing the expenditure of this fund and desire to again direct the attention of the brethren to clause 1 of these regulations, which reads as follows:

"Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the lodge recommending the application."

The obligation to relieve the needs of a brother in distress is primarily an obligation of the individual member and of the lodge to which the brother belongs, and this duty should neither be evaded nor delegated. Grand Lodge is ready and will always be ready and willing to assist when assistance is required, but no effort of Grand Lodge can ever take the place of the direct personal interest of the private lodge or the word of encouragement known only to those in need.

Your committee desire to urge upon the lodges the necessity of submitting the fullest possible information when forwarding formal applications. If this is done, needless delays and extended correspondence is avoided and the committee can make more rapid progress in the consideration of applications.

From a review of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions we learn that many of them take pride, and justly so, in the expensive and comfortable homes they have erected for their unfortunate members. Your committee are, however, of the opinion that our system, for the present at least, is better for us. Our beneficiaries are left in their homes when practicable so that the families may be kept together and the children under their parents' care and interest. Those unattached are residing with relatives or in families of Masons to whom the money paid for their lodging is acceptable and the unfortunates in this way escape the stigma of pauperism and their opportunities for

becoming again independent are greater, should they be restored to health. A feeling of confident self-respect is at all times preserved, and due care is exercised that the recipient of our bounty is not humiliated in any way.

The work of the committee is continuous inasmuch as many of the cases are permanent. New cases, however, continue to reach us at each successive meeting and the endeavor of the members at all times is to discharge their trust in such a manner as will reflect the true Masonic spirit.

We have appended hereto a brief statement indicating the extent and nature of the alleviation made possible by the goodwill and generosity of the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31, 1926, to February 1, 1927.

- Mrs. M. B. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.
- Mrs. J. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$100.00.
- Mrs. W. L. B. Widow. Grant of \$75.00.
- Mrs. S. E. B. Widow. Taxes on property \$32.66, and grant of \$30.00 a month.
- Bro. W. B. Widower with three small children. Grant of \$125.00.
- Bro. J. B. Unable to work. Has a family of five children to support. Grant of \$160.00.
- Mrs. C. B. Widow with several small children. Grant of \$68.00.
- Mrs. H. G. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$210.00.
- Bro. J. M. C. Unable to work. Has a wife and four children to support. Grant of \$300.00.
- Mrs. M. D. C. Widow with three children. Grant of \$120.00.
- Bro. J. H. C. Has been ill for some time. Grant of \$50.00.
- Mrs. K. C. Widow with five children. Grant of \$300.00.
- Bro. H. T. C. Widower, ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$120.00.
- Mrs. W. G. C. Widow. Grant of \$50.00.
- Bro. J. C. Ill with inflammatory rheumatism. Grant of \$75.00.
- Bro. C. A. S. C. Temporary assistance, \$100.00.
- Four orphan children of the late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$180.00.
- Mrs. W. B. D. Widow with one child. Grant of \$120.00.
- Mrs. E. E. Widow, now deceased. Grant of \$60.00.
- Bro. J. W. E. Continued illness in hospital. Grant of \$150.00.
- Bro. W. G. Ill for some time. Grant of \$60.00.
- Mrs. J. G. Widow with two children. Grant of \$68.75.
- Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. G. now almost able to maintain themselves. Grant of \$60.00.
- Bro. R. J. Ill for some time. Now improving in health. Grant of \$105.00.
- Mrs. S. J. An aged widow. Grant of \$60.00.
- Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. Has one child. Grant of \$300.00.
- Mrs. O. M. K. Widow with sick child. Grant of \$50.00.
- Miss E. P. K. Grant to daughter of a Mason to assist her in educating her sister. Amount \$100.00.

Mrs. W. S. M. Widow with three children. Grant of \$120.00.
 Bro. J. G. S. M. Ill for some time. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. A. M. Widow with two children. Grant of \$180.00.
 Mrs. E. McC. Widow with two children. Given free use of house including light, heat and water.
 Mrs. L. McC. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.
 Mrs. W. R. McL. Widow with one son. Grant of \$70.00.
 Mrs. R. McL. Widow with one son. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. E. M. Widow with four children, three dependent. Grant of \$150.00.
 Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. A. H. P. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$420.00.
 Bro. J. R. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$200.00.
 Bro. P. R. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. D. R. R. In distressed financial circumstances. Grant of \$240.00.
 Mrs. G. S. Temporary assistance. Grant of \$63.75.
 Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Aged couple. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. J. S. Aged brother in distressed circumstances. Grant of \$100.00.
 Bro. W. H. T. Ill with a malignant disease. Grant of \$25.00.
 Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$300.00.
 Mrs. S. E. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.
 Total.....\$7,239.48

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the following lodges under dispensation and recommend that warrants be issued to the following:

Northland Lodge, Waterhole, in the Thirteenth Masonic District, as Northland Lodge, No. 147.

Mayerthorpe Lodge, Mayerthorpe, in the Twelfth Masonic District, as Mayerthorpe Lodge, No. 148.

That the dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Rosebud Lodge, in the Fourteenth Masonic district, be continued for another year.

Your committee wish to commend the officers of Northland and Mayerthorpe lodges, under dispensation, on the accuracy and excellence of the lodge books submitted for inspection, and on the evident care exercised by all in the selection of candidates for initiation. The success of a Masonic lodge cannot be measured by the number of candidates, but only by the influence for good exercised by the members in their daily life. We wish especially to commend Northland Lodge on its historical register, although it has neglected to insert the names of the present officers. The register of Mayerthorpe Lodge is not as complete as it should be.

Your committee desires to urge upon incoming District Deputy Grand Masters that their inspection of lodges working under dispensation must not only be an examination of their knowledge of ritualistic work, but also an examination of the methods used in recording the minutes, in the registration of members, in the books of account, and of its financial standing.

Faternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
SAM HARRIS,
SAM J. BLAIR.

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee wish to congratulate the Grand Master on the peace and harmony which have characterized his year of office. Steady progress has been made in all departments as evidenced by the reports of the Grand Secretary and of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and efficient and loyal service has been rendered by the various Grand Lodge Officers. As one of the pioneers of Freemasonry in Alberta, and as one who figured largely in laying the foundations of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Master must have derived peculiar satisfaction and pleasure in seeing the fruition of his early efforts in that behalf.

Your committee join with the Grand Master in expressing their regret and sorrow for the passing of so many worthy members of the Craft to the Grand Lodge above, and extend their sympathy to the friends and relatives of the deceased.

Your committee strongly endorse the statements of the Grand Master as to the value and worth of the District Meetings. As these meetings have now passed the experimental stage and become a recognized feature of our Grand Lodge, your committee endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master that the manner of opening, closing and conducting business should be made definite and uniform, and therefore suggest that the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare a uniform ritual for that purpose.

In regard to that part of the Grand Master's address dealing with the advisability of establishing a foundation that will supply a home for the destitute aged, your committee feel that the present system is working satisfactorily, but suggest that the Committee on Benevolence collect data for presentation to a subsequent communication of this Grand Lodge, when the whole matter could be intelligently discussed.

In regard to the Grand Master's recommendation on the manner of attending divine service, your committee do not wish to express an opinion on the matter, but prefer to leave this question without any suggestions on their part to the action of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN E. CARRUTHERS,

C. V. BENNETT,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett (27), seconded by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Report of our Grand Secretary desire to congratulate him for the very complete and concise manner in which his year's work has been presented.

We note with pleasure a general improvement with respect to suspensions, demits, etc., over the previous year.

We express gratification at the keen interest he has taken in the District Meetings, he having attended every District Meeting, and hope that Grand Lodge will continue to further the excellent work done by these meetings.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,

F. E. NICHOL,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol (43), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Lodge Libraries

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education are pleased to report that distinct progress has been made along lines previously defined by Grand Lodge. Our lodges were again given an opportunity to purchase Masonic books, through the Grand Librarian, at actual

cost. Many took advantage of this and placed an order from a carefully selected list of authoritative works on the history, symbolism and philosophy of our Order. About one half of our lodges are now equipped with a library. To the credit of Masonic District No. 13, known as the Peace River and Grande Prairie District, be it said that there is now a library in each of the six lodges. Your committee recommend that the Grand Librarian be authorized to purchase a limited number of standard Masonic works and supply the lodges, upon request, at cost. The objective of the committee is a library of carefully selected books in every lodge room.

Circulating Libraries

There continues to be a normal and healthy demand for Travelling Libraries, based upon direct and unsolicited requests of lodge officers. Through this medium your committee hope to cultivate a desire for Masonic information obtainable through books, and encourage the purchasing of books by the brethren for their own personal use.

Study Clubs

While the number is not large, yet we are pleased to report that a few study clubs have been organized and a systematic and concerted effort made to study some phase of Freemasonry under the direction of a chosen leader. In this connection, what is most lacking is leadership. Surely this is an opportunity for service on the part of our brethren mentally equipped for this important work.

Masonic Addresses

An appeal was made through the Secretary of each lodge for brethren willing to deliver Masonic addresses upon request of any lodge or lodges in the jurisdiction, on a date mutually agreeable to those concerned. Several well qualified brethren responded to the invitation and from the lodge notices the committee are pleased to observe that a number of our lodges have taken advantage of this opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the objects and aims of Freemasonry. The committee earnestly hope that the number of volunteers will be greatly increased during the coming year. The following are the names of the brethren who kindly complied with this request, and the subject of address in each instance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject of Address</i>
Bro. Herbert B. Adshead	Ancient Masonry.
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers . . .	1. The Ancient Landmarks. 2. History of Masonry in Western Canada.
R.W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey	1. The Volume of the Sacred Law. 2. A Mason's Attitude Towards the Four Great Institutions of Mankind. 3. A Revival of Brotherhood. 4. The Beginnings and Development of Masonry.
W. Bro. William T. Coote	The Centre of Masonry.
R.W. Bro. John Gilmore	Temple Building.
W. Bro. (Dr.) Claire C. Hartman . . .	Our Predecessors.
R.W. Bro. (Dr.) V. Harold Macaulay . .	1. Early Freemasonry in Canada. 2. The Patron Saints of Freemasonry and their Significance.
W. Bro. John Martland	K.S.T. (with 80 lantern slides)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject of Address</i>
R. W. Bro. (Rev.) Sam'l H. Middleton.	The 'Development of Ideals of Freemasonry with Their Modern Application.
R. W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell.	1. The Development of the Art of Communication. 2. The Transmission of Pictures by Electricity Over Wires. (Both subjects illustrated with lantern slides.)
Bro. Gerald V. Pelton.	Metaphysical Sidelights.
M. W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood. . . .	1. The Ballot. 2. The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry.
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe.	Masonry as a Religion.
V. W. Bro. (Dr) Fred'k H. Sutherland .	The Apron.

Grand Lodge Reference Library

Your committee are pleased to report that valuable additions have been made by the Grand Librarian to the Grand Lodge Reference Library during the past year and that we now have available to Masonic students a collection of works bearing on almost every phase of our Order and its activities. This library is available to the brethren every week day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is being taken advantage of by an increasing number of students of Freemasonry. The Grand Librarian is ready and willing at all times to assist the enquirer in finding, without loss of time, the source of the information desired.

Grand Lodge History

Four years ago, Grand Lodge secured the consent of Past Grand Master John H. W. S. Kemmis to undertake the preparation of an authentic history of this Grand Lodge and of Masonry in Alberta. Owing to circumstances beyond his control, not much progress has been made up to the present time. In an undertaking of such pre-eminent importance and involving such a mass of work, wherein fullness and accuracy are so essential, we bespeak for him not only the patience but the encouragement and active co-operation of every brother in this Grand Jurisdiction. He must have ample time if we may expect the finished history to be worthy of our Grand Jurisdiction and a credit to its author.

It has been suggested that the work be completed if possible before the close of the twenty-fifth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge. Whether this is possible or not remains to be seen. In the meantime, your committee bespeak on behalf of M. W. Bro. Kemmis the co-operation and assistance of the brethren, particularly of those who have been instrumental in laying the foundation of Freemasonry in this province in the earliest days of its history.

Your committee recommend that all completed minute books of lodges, especially those which were in existence prior to the formation of this Grand Lodge, be sent to the head office at Calgary and stored in the vault for preservation and future reference, and that a historian be appointed in each of these eighteen lodges, to prepare a concise history of the lodge since its institution, and forward the same to the Grand Historian for his use in the preparation of the Grand Lodge History.

Your committee recommend that, owing to the magnitude and importance of this work, they be authorized to select a sub-com-

mittee of five to act in conjunction with the Grand Historian in the collection of suitable material for the compilation of the Grand Lodge History.

We further recommend that an appropriation of \$500.00 be set aside for this purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 8, 1927.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The several rolls of the workmen have been called and your Committee on Fraternal Dead begs leave to report that, during the period under review, ninety-one brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction answered the call to the Better Land, "where there remaineth a rest to the people of God."

Many of them had so commended themselves as true and trusty Craftsmen that they were called upon to employ and instruct their brethren in Masonry, whilst others gladly devoted themselves to humbler services, realizing that—

"The world is full of minor tasks
That give no glory bright.
There's much to do which this life asks
In duty day and night.
No glorious stroke my brethren seek
From me to clear away,
But in my hands a candle weak
May shed enlightening ray."

Of those who wielded the gavel your committee notes the passing of V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, Calgary. V.W. Bro. Lent, who had attained a position of prominence in the legal profession, was a lover of the Fraternity and enjoyed the esteem of his brethren. Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, Edmonton, in addition to the translation of W. Bro. Hugh M. Connor to the Celestial Lodge above, was called upon during the year to suffer the loss of its highly esteemed Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Walter E. Buckley. The deceased worthy brother was most assiduous in the discharge of his duties, and was in attendance at our Annual Communication held at Banff last year. He then seemed to be in the best of health and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of meeting so many brethren from all parts of the province. But ere the falling of the leaves, he was stricken with a serious malady which even his vigorous frame could not withstand, and his spirit fled the abode of clay for "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." His work was not finished but his column is broken. His death was untimely and his brethren mourn.

During the past year sixty of the lodges within our own boundaries wore the garments of Sorrow for brethren stricken down by the Ruthless Slayer's maul of death. Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, and Perfection Lodge, No. 9, suffered most, the death list of the former totalling eight and the latter five. Sister Grand Lodges report the passing through "the Valley of the Shadows" of many eminent and distinguished brethren upon whose honored shoulders rested the purple of the Craft. Your committee recommends that the usual Memorial pages be inserted in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge and that we also extend our sincerest sympathy to all Sister Grand Lodges, and to our own lodges, in the loss they have sustained.

Brethren, as we meet here today in this City of the Plains, contiguous to the majestic Rockies, pointing their strong, stony fingers heavenward, we, in this tribute of respect to our departed brethren, are inspired to look up in faith to Him who is from Everlasting to Everlasting, humbly submitting to His tender care and keeping those whom we "have loved long since and lost awhile."

Our Order teaches its devotees to have faith in the Most High. Faith is the foundation on which our Order is built. It is the first great virtue of our Fraternity and the special title of a Mason's acceptance. But **Hope** is the mother of Faith, and our hope is in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, by Whose strong grip we shall be raised from the darkness of Death into the blessings of Eternal Life and Light.

As we give the moment of silent tribute to our brethren who have joined

"The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,"

let us determine that, ere we join them, we shall diligently labor "while it is called day, knowing that the night cometh when no man can work," and let us ever and always exercise towards our fellow-beings that virtue which we profess to admire, **Charity**, sweet, wholesome and unselfish, remembering:

"Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
For it means much more to a sorrowing heart
Than shelter, or bread or wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is over,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Live on, in the soul, away."

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT H. LYTTLE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. M. Sneddon (91), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to all affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Second Day - - Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), and seconded by R.W. Bro. J. R. Flan (1):

"That Section 189 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the following words: 'No rejected candidate for initiation shall be balloted for in the same or any other lodge' and substituting therefor the words: 'No petition shall be received from any rejected candidate for initiation dated'."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried unanimously."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9):

"That the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on R.W. Bro. James N. Rankin, in recognition of his long and valued service to the Craft."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried unanimously."

The following motion was moved by R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), and seconded by R.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26):

"This being the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the Dominion, it is a fitting occasion on which to acknowledge, with gratitude, the many blessings that have been bestowed upon our country by Divine Providence; a time to reflect upon the place occupied by Canada in this wonderful era of the modern world; a time to recall the patriotic and unselfish deeds of our forefathers who by their faith and labor made possible all the liberty and security we now enjoy.

"Resolved, that we, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at our Twenty-second Annual Communication in the City of Calgary, declare our unwavering loyalty to our King, Empire and to Canada, the first self-governing state to be formed within the Empire, and that we urge on the delegates assembled that, on their return to their homes, arrangements be made by their respective lodges to celebrate in a befitting manner the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried unanimously."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), "That a night-lettergram be despatched to M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., conveying to him our deep sympathy during his sad bereavement, occasioned by the loss of his mother, and informing him that we greatly miss his wise counsel and advice during our deliberations."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. G. A. Stewart (24), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Gilmore (67), "That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to consider a rearrangement of the Masonic districts of this Grand Jurisdiction, and report thereon at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. D. W. Paradise (56), "That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Calgary brethren for the splendid reception and entertainment provided for the visiting delegates."

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$15.00 and his expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Gilfillan (114), "That this Grand Lodge tender a hearty vote of thanks to the C.P.R. for their kindness in placing at our disposal such splendid facilities for our Annual Communication."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte (113), "That the Board of General Purposes consider and bring in a recommendation at our next regular communication dealing with the matter of the expenses entailed by the D.D.G. M.'s in the prosecution of their work."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. G. H. Darlow (45), seconded by W. Bro. R. H. Ennismore (92), "That Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the entertainment of Grand Lodge for the 1928 session to be held in Calgary."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), seconded by Bro. D. Patterson (83), "That a telegram be dispatched by this Grand Lodge to R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, regretting his unusual absence, extending congratulations upon his re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer and wishing him a pleasant and health-restoring holiday."

NOTICE OF MOTION

V.W. Bro. W. R. Davis (23) gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, he would move that the Constitution be amended to provide:

"That a lodge of Master Masons be chartered to be known as 'Temple Administration Lodge,' similar in constitution to the Grand Steward's Lodge in the Grand Lodge of England and domiciled in the City of Calgary, and whose duty shall be to hold in trust and administer the properties of two or more Masonic lodges domiciled in the said City of Calgary, such trust to be assumed only at the request of the owning lodges and to be confined to the administration of properties used exclusively for Masonic purposes.

"The said lodge to consist of a Worshipful Master and Secretary (who may be selected from its own members or from among brethren who are subscribing members of a lodge domiciled within the City of Calgary and otherwise qualified to hold the offices) and the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Immediate Past Masters of lodges whose property it holds and administers.

"The 'Temple Administration Lodge' being formed as a lodge of Master Masons shall have no power to enter, pass, or raise Masons, but shall possess all the other privileges and exercise all the other duties which inhere in a lodge of Masons."

PLACE OF MEETING

No motions being submitted, the M.W. the Grand Master declared the City of Calgary to be the place of meeting for our next Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Chairman, R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid, R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside, R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands, W. Bro. W. S. Cameron and W. Bro. R. G. Lebeau a Board of Scrutineers.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 284 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 476, consisting of 186 Worshipful Masters, 39 Senior Wardens, 21 Junior Wardens, 152 Past Masters and 78 Proxies.

One hundred and eleven Chartered Lodges and one Lodge U.D. are represented.

Thirty-four Chartered Lodges and two Lodges U.D. are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River.....	2	1	..	8	..	11
2.	Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
3.	Alberta.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
4.	North Star.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
5.	Cascade.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
6.	Spitzie.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
7.	Edmonton.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
8.	Innisfail.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
9.	Perfection.....	1	1	1	5	..	8
10.	Eureka.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
11.	Acacia.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
12.	Red Deer.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
13.	Victoria.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
14.	Jasper.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
16.	Mountain View.....	..	..	..	..	..	..

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total Votes
17.	Nanton.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
18.	Britannia.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
19.	Cornerstone.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
20.	Carstairs.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
21.	King Hiram.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
22.	Corinthian.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
23.	Calgary.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
24.	Vermilion.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
25.	St. John's.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
26.	Sentinel.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
27.	Apollo.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
28.	Ashlar.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
29.	Kenilworth.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
30.	Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
31.	Doric.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
32.	Cairo.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
33.	Stavely.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
34.	Star of the West.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
35.	Mizpah.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
36.	Gleichen.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
37.	Camrose.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
38.	Hope.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
40.	Joppa.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
41.	King Solomon.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
42.	Bowden.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
43.	Tuscan.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
44.	Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
45.	Ionic.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
46.	Palestine.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
47.	Chinook.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
48.	Crossfield.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
49.	Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
50.	Comet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
51.	Unity.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
53.	Strathmore.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
55.	Bassano.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
56.	Beaver.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
57.	Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58.	Chief Mountain.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
59.	King George.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
60.	Acme.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
61.	Provost.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
62.	Coal.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
63.	Empire.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
64.	Bow Island.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
65.	Diamond City.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
66.	St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
67.	Charity.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
68.	Edson.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
69.	Connaught.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
70.	Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71.	Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
72.	Coronation.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
73.	Brooks.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
74.	Vulcan.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
75.	Harmony.....	3	..	..	1	..	4

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76.	Fidelity	..	..	..	1	3	4
77.	Strathcona	3	..	..	3	..	6
78.	Hanna	..	..	..	..	..	..
79.	Morning Star	..	..	..	2	3	5
80.	Excelsior	3	..	..	1	..	4
81.	Commercial	3	..	..	..	..	3
82.	Acadia	3	..	..	1	..	4
83.	Zetland	3	..	..	5	..	8
84.	Champion	3	..	..	2	..	5
85.	Suffield	..	..	..	..	..	..
86.	Rocky Mountain	3	..	..	1	..	4
87.	Crescent	2	1	..	2	..	5
88.	Wahpun	..	..	..	1	..	1
89.	Peace River	..	..	..	1	3	4
90.	Norwood	3	..	..	1	..	4
91.	Patricia	2	1	..	2	..	5
92.	Saskatchewan	3	..	..	..	..	3
93.	Symbol	3	..	..	1	..	4
94.	Lamont	..	..	..	..	..	..
95.	Kitchener	..	..	..	..	..	..
96.	Dynamic	..	..	..	..	..	..
97.	Albion	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill	..	..	..	1	3	4
99.	Mount Moriah	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Warner	..	..	..	..	..	..
101.	West Edmonton	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton	..	..	..	..	..	..
103.	Foremost	..	..	..	..	..	..
104.	Oyen	3	..	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie	..	..	..	2	3	5
106.	Lake Saskatoon	..	..	..	..	..	..
107.	Carbon	2	..	1	2	..	5
108.	Pyramid	..	..	..	..	..	..
109.	Ancient Landmark	..	3	..	1	..	4
110.	Kilwinning	..	..	..	1	3	4
111.	Nobleford	..	..	..	1	3	4
112.	Victory	..	..	..	..	..	..
113.	Cyprus	2	..	1	3	..	6
114.	Westlock	..	..	..	2	3	5
115.	Crocus	..	..	..	..	..	..
116.	Spirit River	..	..	..	..	..	..
117.	Dominion	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's	1	1	1	..	..	3
119.	York	3	..	..	..	..	3
120.	Monitor	..	..	..	..	..	..
121.	Clive	..	..	..	1	3	4
122.	Rising Sun	..	..	..	..	..	..
123.	Rockyford	3	..	..	3	..	6
124.	Concord	3	..	..	3	..	6
125.	Cavell	..	2	1	1	..	4
126.	Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite	..	..	..	..	..	..
128.	Forestburg	3	..	..	..	..	3
129.	Meridian	..	..	..	..	..	..
130.	Hussar	..	..	..	1	3	4
131.	Kitscoty	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle	..	..	..	1	..	1
133.	Manyberries	3	..	..	..	..	3

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134.	Renfrew.....	..	2	1	2	..	5
135.	Alliance.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
136.	Cresset.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
137.	Irricana.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
138.	Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
139.	Melrose.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
140.	Big Valley.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
141.	Efficiency.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
142.	Ivanhoe.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
143.	Jasper Park.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
144.	Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
145.	St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
146.	Drumheller.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Mayerthorpe.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
U.D.	Rosebud.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
		186	39	21	152	78	476

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose election was confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1927

M.W. Bro. George Edward Cruickshank (26)..... Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77)..... Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58)..... Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91)..... Junior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)..... Grand Treasurer
 M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)..... Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)..... Grand Registrar
 R.W. Bro. John J. Goddard (8)..... Grand Chaplain
 R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)..... Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken (9), Calgary D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35), Medicine
 Hat..... D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Sydney T. Hubbard (7) Edmonton.. D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Jas. Wm. Gillman (20), Red Deer .. D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Harry V. Phipps (80), Strome..... D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Ronald Knowles (22), Okotoks..... D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Ommund Rostrup (58), Cardston... D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Alex M. Morrison (30), Coleman... D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. John A. Preston (72), Coronation... D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. John T. McCreath (90), Edmonton. D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Rogers (65), Commerce... D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
 R.W. Bro. John Hening (91), Edmonton..... D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Frederick H. Sutherland (89), Berwyn	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Clifford Grant (98), Delia	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. George W. Spires (125), Delburne	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Calgary

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14)	Edmonton

For the term of one year:

M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23)	Calgary
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. John Brown (9), Calgary	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. John Martland (63), Edmonton	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26), Hillcrest	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Harry Allen (145), St. Paul de Metis	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. S. Cameron (93), Drumheller	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. M. Jenkins (54), Calgary	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred Morris (3), Macleod	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Windof G. Nelson (130), Hussar	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. Henry Grainger (60), Acme	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Murdoch R. Matheson (40), Granum	Grand Pursuivant

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock, noon.

Second Day - - Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Past Grand Master.

PRESENTATION

M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a complete set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M.W. Bro. T. F. English expressed in fitting terms his appreciation of the appropriate gift just received.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-second Annual Communication was closed in ample form at 3:30 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1927

M.W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77).....	Deputy Grand Master
P.O. Box 592, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Samuel L. McCracken (9).....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
914-6th Ave. W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35).....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
Medicine Hat	
R.W. Bro. Sydney T. Hubbard (7).....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
7203-118th Ave., Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wm. Gillman (20), Red Deer.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harry V. Phipps (80), Strome.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
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R.W. Bro. John T. McCreath (90).....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
11328-97th St., Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Rogers (65), Commerce.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Hening (91).....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
10146-122nd St., Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Frederick H. Sutherland (89), Whitelaw.....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Clifford Grant (98), Delia.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. George W. Spires (125), Delburne.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58), Cardston.....	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91).....	Junior Grand Warden
315-Empire Block, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).....	Grand Treasurer
216-17th Ave. W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28).....	Grand Secretary
12 Elma Block, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).....	Grand Registrar
9 Mackie Block, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. John J. Goddard (8), Stettler.....	Grand Chaplain
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3807-6A Street W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred Morris (3), Macleod.....	Grand Steward
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Vice-President.....	R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Grand Master.....	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), Past Grand Master.....	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Past Grand Master.....	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Past Grand Master.....	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Past Grand Master.....	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Past Grand Master.....	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), Past Grand Master.....	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Past Grand Master.....	Lacombe
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (—), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (—), Past Grand Master.....	Deloraine, Man.
R.W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell (77), Deputy Grand Master.....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58), Senior Grand Warden.....	Cardston
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Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Alabama.....	Dixon, Percy Blackett, P.G.M.....	Apr. 22, 1926
Arkansas.....	Kirby, Leonidas, P.G.M.....	Aug. 20, 1926
Colorado.....	Maxwell, John Mills, P.G.M.....	Mar. 11, 1927
Colorado.....	James, Benjamin Lloyd, P.G.M.....	May 27, 1926
Colorado.....	Tucker, Cromwell; P.G.M.....	Sept. 16, 1926
Delaware.....	Hynson, George B., P.G.M.....	Dec. 5, 1926
Florida.....	Gilchrist, Albert W., P.G.M.....	May 16, 1926
Kansas.....	Farrelly, Hugh P., P.G.M.....	Nov. 17, 1926
Maine.....	Pettengill, Waldo, P.G.M.....	Sept. 5, 1926
Minnesota.....	Countryman, Ambrose D., P.G.M.....	Feb. 23, 1927
Nevada.....	Vanderlieth, Edward D., Grand Secy.....	Dec. 18, 1926
North Dakota.....	Taylor, Alexander Barclay, P.G.M.....	Oct. 11, 1926
Oregon.....	Robinson, James Fullerton, P.G.M.....	Dec. 2, 1926
Oregon.....	Van Dusen, Brenham, P.G.M.....	Oct. 20, 1926
Oregon.....	Wolverton, Charles Edwin, P.G.M.....	Sept. 21, 1926
Pennsylvania.....	Orlady, George B., P.G.M.....	Sept. 9, 1926
Tennessee.....	Bachman, Edward Kelsey, P.G.M.....	July 5, 1926
Tennessee.....	Bumpus, William Hill, P.G.M.....	Oct. 27, 1926
Washington.....	Arthur, John, P.G.M.....	Dec. 23, 1926
Washington.....	Gifford, John P.G.M.....	May 22, 1926
West Virginia.....	McConihay, John M., P.G.M.....	Nov. 2, 1926
Wisconsin.....	Corscot, John H., P.G.M.....	May 13, 1926
Wisconsin.....	Keeler, Bernard F., P.G.M.....	Aug. 28, 1926



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Death but his tent beyond the storm of Life."

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River.....	London, John.....	Aug. 8, 1926
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Geddes, Edward Thomas.....	Apr. 2, 1926
3.	Alberta.....	Martin, Thomas B.....	May 29, 1926
4.	North Star.....	Brodie, John.....	Dec. 30, 1926
6.	Spitzie.....	Macdonnell, Roy Archie.....	Nov. 25, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Short, William.....	Jan. 27, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Vivash, Alfred W.....	Apr. 20, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Byers, Fitzgerald D.....	Apr. 23, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	McIver, Norman Alexander.....	June 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Hursell, Joseph.....	June 18, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Clegg, William H.....	July 21, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Jeffers, Allan M.....	Oct. 29, 1926
7.	Edmonton.....	Bradley, Frank Edward.....	Oct. 27, 1926
9.	Perfection.....	Brewer, Alfred.....	Apr. 2, 1926
9.	Perfection.....	Mayhew, Ottewell James.....	Mar. 22, 1926
9.	Perfection.....	Thornton, William D.....	Mar. 4, 1926
9.	Perfection.....	Fairey, Frank.....	July 2, 1926
9.	Perfection.....	Telfer, Edgar Howard.....	Sept. 7, 1926
10.	Eureka.....	Crawford, William.....	Dec. 13, 1926
11.	Acacia.....	DeRousie, Edson Charles.....	Dec. 25, 1926
12.	Red Deer.....	Birt, Jonathon A.....	Dec. 11, 1926
13.	Victoria.....	Graham, Edward.....	Nov. 27, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Bellamy, Thomas.....	Oct. 13, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Latimer, Andrew Ernest.....	Oct. 22, 1926
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Willows, Thomas.....	Nov. 30, 1926
17.	Nanton.....	Robertson, William.....	Sept. 20, 1926
18.	Britannia.....	Rowley, Adelbert B.....	Feb. 11, 1926
19.	Cornerstone.....	Hall, George B.....	Sept. 29, 1926
20.	Carstairs.....	Bradley, William Lowther.....	Aug. 13, 1926
20.	Carstairs.....	Estes, Robert Brown.....	Aug. 17, 1926
21.	King Hiram.....	Kiteley, James Henry.....	Feb. 13, 1926
22.	Corinthian.....	Thorburn, David.....	June 14, 1926
22.	Corinthian.....	Metcalfe, James.....	Dec. 7, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Bellew, Thomas.....	Feb. 9, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Dunn, Ernest Frank.....	May 2, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Palmer, Herbert Samuel.....	Oct. 20, 1926
26.	Sentinel.....	Lote, Francis.....	Sept. 19, 1926
26.	Sentinel.....	Barnes, Arthur Winfield.....	Dec. 21, 1926
27.	Apollo.....	Molander, Carl A.....	June 2, 1926
27.	Apollo.....	Kirkpatrick, John.....	June 16, 1926
28.	Ashlar.....	Lent, W. F. W.....	April 1, 1926



"From life to dust and dust to life,
We trace the orbit of mankind;
From grief to joy and joy to grief,
Find passion flowers with thorns entwined.

"Death's well-worn scythe shall gather all,
With sheaves from all the seeds they've sown;
But each will hear the reaper's call,
How well or ill God's work was done."

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
29.	Kenilworth	Porter, Leonard J.	Jan. 10, 1926
32.	Cairo	Moffatt, William	Sept. 5, 1926
38.	Hope	Bryden, James Nicoll	Feb. 21, 1926
38.	Hope	McLean, Daniel B.	Dec. 17, 1926
40.	Joppa	Clarke, Paul S.	Aug. 8, 1926
42.	Bowden	McLean, Archibald	Dec. 24, 1926
45.	Ionic	Williams, George B.	July 15, 1926
48.	Crossfield	Shell, John R.	April 27, 1926
50.	Comet	Wright, Norman F.	Feb. 5, 1926
51.	Unity	Wilson, George	Feb. 18, 1926
51.	Unity	Pheasey, George	June 12, 1926
51.	Unity	McMillan, James	June 16, 1926
51.	Unity	Caldwell, George	June 20, 1926
54.	Mount Lebanon	Griffiths, Vincent Sidney	Feb. 8, 1926
59.	King George	O'Hara, John	Mar. 16, 1926
60.	Acme	Jackson, W. A. Homer	Feb. 18, 1926
60.	Acme	Minton, Benjamin Clarence	Aug. 12, 1926
63.	Empire	Young, Robert	Mar. 28, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Simpson, William	Jan. 8, 1926
67.	Charity	Talbot, Charles	April 1, 1926
72.	Coronation	Rogers, Millard H.	Nov. 12, 1926
74.	Vulcan	Leverington, James	Mar. 30, 1926
75.	Harmony	Armitage, John H.	Oct. 11, 1926
75.	Harmony	Wickens, Arthur E.	Dec. 2, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Connor, Hugh Milliken	Mar. 10, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Ebdon, Walter	Sept. 15, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Buckley, Walter E.	Oct. 15, 1926
79.	Morning Star	Strickland, Charles A.	Jan. 30, 1926
80.	Excelsior	Canavan, John Henry	April 2, 1926
80.	Excelsior	Robertson, W. William	Oct. 30, 1926
82.	Acadia	Lamb, Judson H.	Jan. 26, 1926
83.	Zetland	Osterhout, Harold Loomis	Sept. 18, 1926
87.	Crescent	Singleton, John	Aug. 2, 1926
88.	Wahpun	Sutherland, Geo. Gordon	Oct. 1, 1926
89.	Peace River	Featherston, Edward B.	Unknown
89.	Peace River	Price, Samuel L.	July 5, 1926
93.	Symbol	Clark, Robert Gordon	April 19, 1926
98.	Hand Hill	Barss, Levi	April 2, 1926
98.	Hand Hill	Hardy, Thomas	Dec. 15, 1925
101.	West Edmonton	Symons, John Berkely	Unknown
102.	Edgerton	Lundy, George T.	Aug. 4, 1926
109.	Ancient Landmark	Bull, Daniel Edward	Aug. 31, 1926
111.	Nobleford	Coe, Alfred R.	Feb. 5, 1926
114.	Westlock	Cunningham, James Stewart	Feb. 13, 1926
124.	Concord	Temple, John F.	Nov. 27, 1926
131.	Kitscoty	Andrews, Joseph W.	Unknown
131.	Kitscoty	Drummond, Hay E.	Unknown
139.	Melrose	Olesen, Mike	Oct. 10, 1926
141.	Efficiency	Odden, George Oscar	Dec. 27, 1926
144.	Gratton	Elliott, William Edwin	Dec. 6, 1926

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Coull, Earl	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Craig, Robert J.	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Fawdry, Herbert E.	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Hodges, Horatio	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Jones, Caleb	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Longden, Joseph A.	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	McGregor, James	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Sales, Enoch Samuel	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Smith, George W.	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Vince, Ernest George	Dec. 1, 1926
1.	Bow River	Watson, Leonard C.	Dec. 1, 1926
4.	North Star	Humphries, Albert Edward	Dec. 13, 1926
4.	North Star	Taylor, D. A.	Dec. 13, 1926
4.	North Star	Shaver, Walter Scott	Dec. 13, 1926
6.	Spitzie	Broadwell, Amos	Sept. 20, 1926
6.	Spitzie	Cumberland, Thomas John	Sept. 20, 1926
6.	Spitzie	Hoare, Thomas H.	Sept. 20, 1926
6.	Spitzie	Kelly, John	Sept. 20, 1926
6.	Spitzie	McWhirter, J. Logan	Sept. 20, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Watson, William F.	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Slight, Henry Arthur	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Sharpe, George M.	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Seager, Charles Alexander	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Rooke, George Alexander	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	McInnis, Carlyle Wm.	Dec. 14, 1926
7.	Edmonton	Lauder, Thomas Grey	Dec. 14, 1926
9.	Perfection	Beveridge, Francis Duncan	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Eamon, Arthur Louis	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Brown, Thomas Jackson	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Mouat, Archibald Miller	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Pirie, George	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Robinson, John Thos. C.	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Sinnott, Herbert Arthur	May 18, 1926
9.	Perfection	Stevenson, Frederick John	May 18, 1926
10.	Eureka	Cameron, Alexander J.	Dec. 1, 1926
11.	Acacia	Douglas, Robert B.	June 10, 1926
11.	Acacia	Fuller, Leslie L.	June 10, 1926
11.	Acacia	McCombs, James T.	June 10, 1926
11.	Acacia	O'Brien, Samuel Q.	June 10, 1926
11.	Acacia	Hughes, Evan A.	June 10, 1926
12.	Red Deer	Hannen, David	June 8, 1926
12.	Red Deer	Patterson, Wilfred	June 8, 1926
12.	Red Deer	Gaetz, Leonard M.	June 8, 1926
14.	Jasper	Dunn, David James	June 14, 1926
14.	Jasper	Blue, John	June 14, 1926
14.	Jasper	Fox, John	June 14, 1926
14.	Jasper	Tomlinson, Edgar	June 14, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Schrader, John	Dec. 17, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Poe, George	Dec. 17, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Ellithorpe, Nathan Smith	Dec. 17, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Gooder, Walter Charles	Dec. 17, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Weston, Rowland	Dec. 17, 1926
16.	Mountain View	Krauss, James P.	Dec. 17, 1926
20.	Carstairs	White, Fred S.	April 22, 1926
21.	King Hiram	Denney, Robert E.	Dec. 14, 1926
21.	King Hiram	Owen, Robert Vernald	Dec. 14, 1926
21.	King Hiram	Banting, Wilton Thomas	Dec. 14, 1926

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21.	King Hiram	Venus, John	Dec 1, 14, 1926
23.	Calgary	Brailey, George Henry	Mar. 5, 1926
23.	Calgary	Hodgins, Herbert E.	Mar. 5, 1926
23.	Calgary	Impey, Irving James	Mar. 5, 1926
23.	Calgary	Lawn, Johnston	Mar. 5, 1926
23.	Calgary	Pullman, William John	Mar. 5, 1926
25.	St. John's	Crossland, William T.	Nov. 1, 1926
25.	St. John's	Hermann, Thor	Nov. 1, 1926
25.	St. John's	McLaren, Arthur C.	Nov. 1, 1926
25.	St. John's	Smith, John Joseph	Nov. 1, 1926
26.	Sentinel	Evans, William L.	June 23, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Roger, John F.	Jan. 14, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Gow, Walter D.	Jan. 14, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Kottmeirr, John Wellington	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Robinson, John Acton L.	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Pegler, Robert Charles	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Helmer, Albert	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Grieve, William Bell	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Dangerfield, Ernest Vivian	Dec. 9, 1926
28.	Ashlar	Balfour, George S.	Dec. 9, 1926
32.	Cairo	Bell, George Allan	Dec. 21, 1926
32.	Cairo	Jones, Ernest	Dec. 21, 1926
33.	Stavely	Troxler, Arthur R.	Jan. 26, 1926
34.	Star of the West	Coulter, Howard Stanley	Mar. 3, 1926
34.	Star of the West	Gregg, Sylvanus Augustus	Mar. 3, 1926
39.	Lethbridge	Hayr, Arthur	Nov. 18, 1926
41.	King Solomon	Palfrey, George R.	Oct. 15, 1926
45.	Ionic	McHardy, John	June 24, 1926
49.	Robert Burns	McCulloch, Alexander	June 21, 1926
49.	Robert Burns	MacAulay, Donald	June 21, 1926
49.	Robert Burns	Vanhorn, Milford A.	June 21, 1926
49.	Robert Burns	Roberts, Howard Darius	Dec. 27, 1926
51.	Unity	Burnasconi, Joseph	April 6, 1926
51.	Unity	Somers, Thomas A.	April 6, 1926
51.	Unity	Thomson, Andrew R.	April 6, 1926
51.	Unity	McIntosh, Thomas	April 6, 1926
53.	Strathmore	Thompson, John	June 7, 1926
53.	Strathmore	Dobson, Ernest	June 7, 1926
54.	Mount Lebanon	Kimball, Alonzo Shirley	Mar. 9, 1926
54.	Mount Lebanon	Hughes, Ernest Wm. Wyatt	Mar. 9, 1926
54.	Mount Lebanon	Kidder, William	Mar. 9, 1926
55.	Bassano	Holley, Edward G.	Oct. 5, 1926
55.	Bassano	Webster, Lawrence M.	Oct. 5, 1926
57.	Grassy Lake	Phipps, John W.	Dec. 9, 1926
57.	Grassy Lake	Bone, Kenneth R.	Dec. 9, 1926
57.	Grassy Lake	Lyons, Ray W.	Dec. 9, 1926
57.	Grassy Lake	Ellingson, Charles	Dec. 9, 1926
57.	Grassy Lake	Wilson, Nathaniel R.	Dec. 9, 1926
58.	Chief Mountain	Hildreth, Norman R.	Dec. 12, 1926
58.	Chief Mountain	Perry, Arthur Thomas	Dec. 12, 1926
59.	King George	McClune, John	May 14, 1926
59.	King George	Hoffman, John F.	May 14, 1926
59.	King George	Hampson, William	May 14, 1926
59.	King George	Cook, Charles H.	May 14, 1926
59.	King George	Baird, Thomas	May 14, 1926
59.	King George	Brown, John L.	Dec. 10, 1926
60.	Acme	Weston, A. S.	July 22, 1926
61.	Provost	Bowler, Thomas E.	Oct. 20, 1926
61.	Provost	McKay, James O.	Oct. 20, 1926

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61.	Provost	Fiske, Arthur P.	Oct. 20, 1926
61.	Provost	Dunell, Guy G.	Oct. 20, 1926
63.	Empire	MacPherson, Roger Rollo	Dec. 20, 1926
63.	Empire	Taylor, George E.	Dec. 20, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Wade, Thomas	Mar. 12, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Swanson, Raymond	Mar. 12, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Chapman, Robert	Mar. 12, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Munroe, Claude	Mar. 12, 1926
65.	Diamond City	Crofts, Truman	Mar. 12, 1926
67.	Charity	Williams, John Edward	Dec. 14, 1926
68.	Edson	Adams, Frank Xarier	Jan. 7, 1926
68.	Edson	McInnis, James	Jan. 7, 1926
70.	Quarry	Reem, Dayton R.	Jan. 1, 1926
70.	Quarry	Munroe, Andrew Percy	July 30, 1926
73.	Brooks	Clark, Henry Bowman	Oct. 19, 1926
74.	Vulcan	Grant, William H.	June 22, 1926
75.	Harmony	Starling, Oliver W.	June 21, 1926
76.	Fidelity	Pearson, Edward L.	Oct. 19, 1926
76.	Fidelity	Munroe, J. Hamilton	Oct. 19, 1926
76.	Fidelity	Brewster, Henry Clark	Oct. 19, 1926
76.	Fidelity	Trayer, Benjamin Jnr.	Oct. 19, 1926
76.	Fidelity	McFadden, Andrew Carlyle	Oct. 19, 1926
76.	Fidelity	Ledgerwood, Nathaniel	Oct. 19, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Metcalf, William J.	May 14, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Arnold, John	May 14, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Evans, William H.	May 14, 1926
77.	Strathcona	McDowall, Ernest P.	May 14, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Woodford, William	May 14, 1926
77.	Strathcona	Steele, Arthur G.	May 14, 1926
79.	Morning Star	Bunnin, Alfred H.	Mar. 25, 1926
81.	Commercial	Carnes, George A.	Feb. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial	Johnson, Charles	Feb. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial	Dawes, John Wesley	Feb. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial	Fraser, James Alexander	Feb. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial	Hume, Albert W.	Feb. 6, 1926
82.	Acadia	Beamish, Jarvis A.	May 25, 1926
82.	Acadia	Gordon, George Earl	May 25, 1926
82.	Acadia	Gordon, William B.	May 25, 1926
82.	Acadia	Denholm, Roy F.	Sept. 2, 1926
84.	Champion	Shilling, D. K.	Nov. 11, 1926
84.	Champion	Orr, William A.	Nov. 11, 1926
84.	Champion	Edwards, George W.	Nov. 11, 1926
84.	Champion	Depue, William Hargiss	Nov. 11, 1926
87.	Crescent	Brocklehurst, Albert	Dec. 14, 1926
87.	Crescent	Hunt, Morris G.	Dec. 14, 1926
87.	Crescent	McLaughlin, John K.	Dec. 14, 1926
87.	Crescent	Ness, Thomas W. S.	Dec. 14, 1926
90.	Norwood	Carse, William	Dec. 14, 1926
90.	Norwood	McLennan, Andrew Robert	Dec. 14, 1926
90.	Norwood	Taylor, David Dodge	Dec. 14, 1926
91.	Patricia	Barnett, William W.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Burnley, John E.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Bond, William Robert	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Fisher, William H.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Hepburn, Henry	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Hirst, Howard Harley	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Leedy, John W.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Marshall, John	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Matheson, Hector N.	Dec. 17, 1926

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91.	Patricia	McKenzie, Wm. Sangster	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Peat, Harold R.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Pringle, Kenneth A.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Ross, James A.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Rutherford, Wilbert T.	Dec. 17, 1926
91.	Patricia	Wolfe, Earl John	Dec. 17, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Bullman, Joseph Arch.	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Dexter, Isaac Vincent	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Nattress, John Cole	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Todd, William James Scott	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Levitt, Samuel Nathaniel	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Dewhurst, George Thomas	June 10, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan	Webster, John William	June 10, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Brown, Ernest W.	June 2, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Ballard, Charles Henry	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Burnstad, Oscar	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Courtney, James	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Courtney, Thomas	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Brown, Gordon	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Johnson, Lars	Nov. 3, 1926
96.	Dynamic	Kjosness, Elvin Severine	Nov. 3, 1926
97.	Albion	James, Henry George	Dec. 2, 1926
97.	Albion	Swanstrone, Lars	Dec. 2, 1926
99.	Mount Moriah	Rose, Hugh	Sept. 16, 1926
99.	Mount Moriah	Glen, James	Dec. 16, 1926
100.	Warner	Bailie, Robert Jr.	July 30, 1926
100.	Warner	Carnine, Leroy B.	July 30, 1926
100.	Warner	Frye, Alchin L.	July 30, 1926
100.	Warner	Mercer, Harold E.	July 30, 1926
100.	Warner	Rouse, Ira E.	July 30, 1926
100.	Warner	Munday, Walter	July 30, 1926
101.	West Edmonton	Adamson, Andrew	Dec. 1, 1926
101.	West Edmonton	Jones, Henry Bishop	Dec. 1, 1926
104.	Oyen	Wright, John E.	June 25, 1926
104.	Oyen	Macdonald, Robert Tanhill	June 25, 1926
104.	Oyen	Cheavins, James W.	Dec. 3, 1926
107.	Carbon	McEntire, Thos. J.	May 25, 1926
110.	Kilwinning	Lawrence, William V.	Jan. 18, 1926
112.	Victory	Phillipps, Ross H.	Dec. 2, 1926
114.	Westlock	Birks, George	Dec. 2, 1926
114.	Westlock	Firkus, Ray	Dec. 2, 1926
114.	Westlock	Woods, William John	Dec. 2, 1926
115.	Crocus	Berry, Parley E.	Dec. 30, 1926
115.	Crocus	Montgomery, James	Dec. 30, 1925
117.	Dominion	Henderson, David Deans	June 9, 1926
119.	York	Dykes, John	Oct. 5, 1926
120.	Monitor	Galbraith, John H.	Feb. 25, 1926
120.	Monitor	Williams, W. J.	Feb. 25, 1926
124.	Concord	Ryder, Walter Alvin	Mar. 6, 1926
131.	Kitscoty	Bowtell, Harry	Not reported
134.	Renfrew	Russell, James Roy	Nov. 24, 1926

SUSPENSIONS U.M.C.

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
77.	Strathcona	McBeath, John P.	May 15, 1926

RESTORATIONS

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River.....	Audy, James R.....	Feb. 3, 1926
1.	Bow River.....	Patterson, Andrew.....	Jan. 12, 1926
11.	Acacia.....	Douglas, Robert Blyth.....	Sept. 9, 1926
13.	Victoria.....	Shear, William Glover.....	Jan. 26, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Frost, Arthur.....	Feb. 8, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Reid, James Elmond.....	Jan. 11, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Harper, Thomas.....	Oct. 11, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Dunn, David James.....	Nov. 8, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Fox, John.....	Nov. 8, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Blue, John.....	Nov. 8, 1926
14.	Jasper.....	Tomlinson, Edgar.....	Nov. 8, 1926
17.	Nanton.....	Alwood, David Elmond.....	Jan. 11, 1926
18.	Britannia.....	Rowley, Adelbert B.....	Jan. 7, 1926
19.	Cornerstone.....	Cork, Percy.....	Jan. 21, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Lawn, Johnston.....	April 2, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Impey, Irving James.....	April 2, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Tamblin, Earl Ramson.....	June 4, 1926
23.	Calgary.....	Medcraf, Francis Stephen.....	Sept. 2, 1926
31.	Doric.....	Bee, Charles E.....	May 3, 1926
35.	Mizpah.....	Elliott, George W.....	Feb. 16, 1926
38.	Hope.....	Hay, Alexander.....	Dec. 20, 1926
39.	Lethbridge.....	Eastcott, John Henry.....	Dec. 16, 1926
45.	Ionic.....	MacHardy, John.....	Aug. 19, 1926
51.	Unity.....	Duncan, Ellwood G.....	Mar. 2, 1926
51.	Unity.....	Grant, William.....	Mar. 2, 1926
51.	Unity.....	McPhee, Daniel L.....	May 4, 1926
51.	Unity.....	Wintersgill, John W.....	June 1, 1926
51.	Unity.....	Thomson, Andrew R.....	Sept. 7, 1926
56.	Beaver.....	Allan, Robert.....	Oct. 6, 1926
58.	Chief Mountain.....	Hamilton, Gordon D.....	Oct. 8, 1926
59.	King George.....	McDonald, D.....	Oct. 8, 1926
59.	King George.....	Atkin, Charles Albert.....	Dec. 10, 1926
61.	Provost.....	Dunell, Guy G.....	Nov. 17, 1926
62.	Empire.....	Jones, David.....	Jan. 18, 1926
63.	Empire.....	Watt, Thomas.....	Jan. 18, 1926
64.	Bow Island.....	Stewart, John Angus.....	Nov. 16, 1926
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Fugett, Charles Albert.....	Feb. 3, 1926
77.	Strathecona.....	McWithey, John S.....	April 8, 1926
77.	Strathecona.....	Woodford, William.....	Oct. 8, 1926
81.	Commercial.....	Sporle, Walter.....	Mar. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial.....	Dawes, John Wesley.....	Nov. 6, 1926
81.	Commercial.....	Benson, Edmund Helgason.....	Dec. 4, 1926
82.	Acadia.....	Oliver, Edward.....	Jan. 26, 1926
83.	Zetland.....	Fisher, Alexander.....	Feb. 2, 1926
83.	Zetland.....	Aberhart, William.....	Oct. 8, 1926
84.	Champion.....	Orr, William A.....	Dec. 9, 1926
85.	Suffield.....	Villett, Harrison.....	Mar. 24, 1926
88.	Wahpun.....	Thompson, Wm. Alfred.....	Dec. 23, 1926
91.	Patricia.....	Patterson, Fred J.....	Mar. 19, 1926
91.	Patricia.....	McCarthy, Timothy F.....	Oct. 15, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Dexter, Isaac Vincent.....	Sept. 9, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Nattress, John Cole.....	Sept. 9, 1926
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Todd, Wm. James Scott.....	Sept. 9, 1926
98.	Hand Hill.....	Jenson, William.....	Jan. 27, 1926
110.	Kilwinning.....	Lawrence, William V.....	Nov. 15, 1926

LODGE DIRECTORY
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STATISTICAL
TABLE

Lodge Directory

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Bow River	R. G. Lebeau	A. J. Cowling	206-14th Ave. N.E., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	H. N. Davis	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	J. S. Collis	G. R. Davis	Macleod.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	D. B. Milne	Wm. M. Edwards	P.O. Box 802, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	T. W. Balderston	R. A. Liggat	Banff.	Thursday on or before full moon.
6.	Satise	Wm. Laidlaw	Dr. W. H. Geering	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	Fred Whitfield	F. Barnhouse	P.O. Box 515, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	R. D. Bryan	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	First Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	F. D. Weir	C. E. Halliday	Alexander Corner, Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	E. B. Sheppard	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	R. S. Sheppard	E. J. Flavin	1025-116th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	T. H. Edis	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
13.	Victoria	John Grayson	H. W. Dodge	Fort Saskatchewan	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Jasper	E. E. Sloane	H. Sandilands	9258-91st St., Edmonton.	Third Thursday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Geo. M. James	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Friday, on or before full moon.
16.	Mountain View	J. Strath	J. C. F. Paul	Olds	Third Friday in each month.
17.	Nanton	G. E. McKeage	W. J. Thom	Nanton	First Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	D. L. McCullough	A. G. Glendinning	Ponoka	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	W. Dobson	P. G. Thomas	Box 307, High River	Thursday, on or before full moon.
20.	Carstairs	A. E. McDonald	W. A. Pryor	Carstairs	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
21.	King Hiram	A. V. Buckler	H. Morgan	Didsbury	First Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	Roland E. Hill	G. C. S. Paterson	Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23.	Calgary	A. P. Thompson	J. A. McBurney	434-13th Ave. N.E., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	R. H. Norton	G. A. Stewart	Vermilion	First Monday in each month.
25.	St. John's	N. R. Blue	H. H. Hacker	Vegreville	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
26.	Sentinel	H. Henderson	H. O. Westrup	Hillcrest	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo	H. N. Living	C. B. Morton	Stettler	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	J. W. Quinney	W. R. Reader	25th Ave. & 2nd St. E., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	Chas. Sinclair	S. Parnely	Red Deer	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Sunmit	W. J. Burns	A. M. W. Cooke	Coleman	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Doric	P. E. Rose	J. Howell Jones	Taber	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo	E. T. Gray	W. T. Munro	Clareholm	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
33.	Stavely	D. R. Gates	K. G. Nourse	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	F. D. Reynolds	Wm. L. Taylor	Leduc	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	E. Schmid	W. B. Stevens	327-2nd St., Medicine Hat	Tuesday, on or next after full moon.
36.	Gleichen	G. Snideman	A. G. Baker	Gleichen	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Camrose	F. F. Bailey	J. A. M. Brown	Manville	Monday, on or before full moon.
38.	Hope	D. F. Towne	W. N. Crooks	Camrose	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	J. H. Smith	E. J. Rossiter	P.O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
40.	Joripa	Donald Campbell	A. Scott Peebles	Granum	

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41.	King Solomon	A. H. Bryant	W. H. Matthews	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	F. W. Cameron	Arthur L. Boyd	Bowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan	Hugh Vagt	Dr. G. Y. Barnett	Killam	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
44.	Buffalo Park	J. E. Alderman	A. Lissimore	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionio	T. M. Wilton	G. H. Darlow	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine	G. B. Brace	W. A. Webb	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	Robert McLachlan	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	R. M. McCool	G. W. Robson	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	F. J. Whitmarsh	W. M. Dayson	Carmanagay	Monday, on or before full moon.
50.	Comet	W. T. Haynes	A. W. Dickson	Hardisty	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Unity	A. E. Nickerson	D. McIntosh	P.O. Box 721, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
53.	Strathmore	H. Hansen	R. W. Gardner	Strathmore, P.O. Box 3	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon	W. M. Peel	W. M. Spark	1539-8th Ave. E., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Bassano	W. J. Redman	H. H. Beeber	Bassano	First Tuesday in each month.
56.	Beaver	T. A. Marshall	G. L. Rutherford	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake	Geo. W. Corns	W. M. Raisbeck	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain	J. K. Mulloy	O. Rostrup	Cardston	Second Thursday in each month.
59.	King George	D. R. Montgomery	T. B. Donald	812-2nd St. N.E., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme	E. H. Van Wart	W. M. H. Beacom	Acme	Second Friday in each month.
61.	Provost	W. Ironfield	A. W. Fiske	Provost	Thursday, on or before full moon.
62.	Coal	L. Ratz	H. S. Atkins	Bawlf	Third Wednesday in each month.
63.	Empire	J. O. Little	J. Martland	9620-105th Street, Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
64.	Bow Island	A. Hobson	Jas. W. Reid	Bow Island	Thursday, on or before full moon.
65.	Diamond City	Geo. Black	H. B. Fuller	Diamond City	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
66.	St. Andrew's	Richard Evans	J. P. Ferguson	Trochu	Second Friday in each month.
67.	Charity	J. Armit	Chas. Barrett	539-12th St. A. North, Lethbridge	Thursday, on or before full moon.
68.	Edson	S. W. Bridges	Frank Mayer	Edson	Second Tuesday in each month.
69.	Connaught	V. A. Hardy	C. G. Purvis	Viking	First Thursday in each month.
70.	Quarry	G. H. Worts	E. L. Stone	Redcliff	Tuesday nearest full moon.
71.	Tawatnaw	Jas. Minns	W. E. Findlay	Atabasca	First Tuesday in each month.
72.	Coronation	T. N. Cuthbert	D. A. Thomson	Coronation	First Wednesday in each month.
73.	Brooks	F. Y. Archibald	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Thursday, on or before full moon.
74.	Vulcan	L. F. Dawson	F. M. Anderson	Vulcan	Third Tuesday in each month.
75.	Harmony	F. L. Hunter	W. J. Cumberland	Sedgewick	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Fidelity	B. O. Williams	Jas. A. Marshall	Bashaw	Monday, on or before full moon.
77.	Strathcona	G. O. Phelps	Harry C. Neal	8955-84th Avenue, Edmonton	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
78.	Hanna	R. M. H. Thurlbeck	H. J. Adams	Hanna	Second Friday in each month.
79.	Morning Star	S. H. Andrews	W. Steen	Loucheud	First Wednesday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	A. Reeves	Oscar McCune	Strome	Thursday, on or before full moon.
81.	Commercial	H. H. McMordie	Kendall Kerr	10966-125th Street, Edmonton	Thursday, on or before full moon.
82.	Acadia	J. C. Gibbs	Geo. J. Tovey	Youngstown	First Saturday in each month.
83.	Zetland	R. E. Neve	Geo. Cromie	310-20th Avenue W., Calgary	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
84.	Champion	W. C. Hoskins	H. E. Gill	Champion	Second Friday in each month. Second Thursday in each month.

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85	Suffield	A. B. Spence	J. C. Anderson	Suffield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
86	Rocky Mountain	I. Comfort	S. G. Bannan	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87	Crescent	M. Smith	M. Currie	607-17th Avenue N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88	Walpun	E. L. McIntyre	H. H. Reynolds	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89	Peace River	A. Gardner	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90	Norwood	W. Horrocks	J. H. Beresford	11228-92nd St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91	Patria	Jas. B. Griffith	Geo. H. McAvoy	10014-102nd Ave., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92	Saskatchewan	R. H. Ennismore	J. L. Muir	8130-112th Avenue, Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93	Symbol	W. A. MacCrimmon	G. H. Chambers	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94	Lamont	A. H. Bennett	V. A. Menzies	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95	Kitchener	C. E. Bennett	G. L. Newton	Rimby	Friday, on or before full moon.
96	Dynmic	A. T. Stewart	Robert Emond	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97	Albion	G. C. Caltier	E. Watkins	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98	Hand Hill	E. N. Bigelow	Richard Pearce	Delia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99	Mount Moriah	Thomas C. Scott	D. G. Shannon	Sibbald	Thursday, on or before full moon.
100	Warner	C. B. Burrows	J. W. Mosedale	Warner	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
101	West Edmonton	Wm. J. James	W. O. Coulman	12942-120th St., Edmonton	Thursday, on or before full moon.
102	Edgerton	Chas. A. Rogers	Thos. J. Chavasse	Edgerton	First Wednesday in each month.
103	Foremost	I. A. Arnold	Thos. H. Whittle	Foremost	Monday, on or before full moon.
104	Oyen	R. C. Anderson	W. L. Irvine	Oyen	First Wednesday in each month.
105	Grande Prairie	J. M. Stuart	P. H. Belcher	Grande Prairie	First Friday in each month.
106	Lake Saskatoon	R. E. Campbell	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
107	Carbon	V. B. Hawkins	S. F. Torrance	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108	Pyramid	J. Stewart	W. J. Clements	Lomond	Monday, on or before full moon.
109	Ancient Landmark	M. H. Olson	Carl McCormack	Mirror	Third Wednesday in each month.
110	Kilwinning	Dr. M. C. Adamson	G. T. MacGregor	Minburn	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
111	Nobleford	E. Rubie	Wm. Cawdron	Nobleford	First Wednesday in each month.
112	Victory	J. G. Kennedy	A. Christenson	Jarrow	First Tuesday in each month.
113	Cyprus	A. H. Dakin	Wm. Harte	Three Hills	First Thursday in each month.
114	Westlock	G. D. Travers	Geo. McTavish	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115	Crocus	J. W. Lawrence	R. V. Lawrence	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
116	Spirit River	G. S. Wilson	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
117	Dominion	John Eakin	D. Porter	Box 444, Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118	St. Mark's	C. Max Bishop	R. W. Price	507-14th Ave. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
119	York	L. Lundy	T. H. Edmunds	P. O. Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120	Monitor	C. A. Peterso	L. Monroe	Monitor	Thursday, on or after full moon.
121	Clive	H. M. Williams	D. W. Wilson	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122	Rising Sun	N. Rushton	D. Drinnan	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
123	Rockyford	C. A. Brown	W. T. Cochran	Rockyford	Thursday, on or before full moon.
124	Concord	A. Glover	W. H. L. Jenkins	455-20th Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125	Cavell	Dr. John Raper	C. W. Storey	Delburne	Thursday, on or after full moon.
126	Pembina	E. A. Conrad	E. Dumbrell	Sanguine	First Tuesday in each month.
127	Granite	W. J. Evans	Harry Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.

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128.	Forestburg	L. Osberg	Hans Farvolden	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	T. Scott	Jas. Malloch	Stony Plain	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
130.	Russar	W. E. Kitchie	F. R. Reeves	Russar	Thursday, on or after full moon.
131.	Kitscoy	W. C. Stordy	W. R. Young	Kitscoy	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craignyle	E. M. H. Wegren	E. A. Cavanaugh	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	F. L. Barnes	J. M. Courtney	Manyberries	Second Wednesday in each month.
134.	Renfrew	Wm. Campbell	L. S. Irvine	10 Dufferin Lodge, Calgary	Second Wednesday in each month.
135.	Alliance	N. B. Anderson	W. A. D'Arcy	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset	John A. Gow	C. B. Nelson	Barons	Monday after the full moon.
137.	Irricana	A. L. Henry	Denny Howell	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	W. Bramely	A. A. Brown	Onoway	First Tuesday in each month.
139.	Belrose	S. M. McLaughlin	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	L. R. Anderson	F. C. Stokes	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	Jas. Lees	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	Monday, on or before full moon.
142.	Ivanhoe	Wm. McNab	M. C. Wright	9404-1136th St., Edmonton	First Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	Chas. Ewing	H. J. Durkin	P. O. Box 63, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	O. L. Chase	L. A. Selson	Irma	Monday, on or before full moon.
145.	St. Alban's	Harry Allan	J. F. Buckley	St. Paul de Metis	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	T. M. McGarry	C. H. G. Codner	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
UD	Northland	D. Munro	L. A. Shearer	Waterhole	Second Thursday in each month.
UD	Maverthorpe	W. K. Ranton	T. Tustin	Maverthorpe	Thursday, on or before full moon.
UD	Rosebud	Geo. N. Defoe	Percy Halstead	Rosebud, P.O. Box 80	Second Wednesday in each month.

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1925	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1926	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River.....	294	12	12	12	1	1	4	11	...	1	292	...	2
2	Medicine Hat....	211	9	9	8	2	1	1	...	...	1	221	10	...
3	Alberta.....	91	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	1	92	1	...
4	North Star.....	270	3	5	5	...	...	6	3	...	1	263	...	7
5	Cascade.....	166	8	8	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	173	7	...
6	Spitzie.....	96	2	2	2	...	...	1	5	...	1	91	...	5
7	Edmonton.....	305	10	11	11	3	...	6	7	...	8	297	...	8
8	Innisfail.....	89	3	2	3	3	...	2	...	...	...	93	4	...
9	Perfection.....	434	9	7	7	5	...	14	8	...	5	421	...	13
10	Eureka.....	119	6	6	5	5	...	2	1	...	1	126	7	...
11	Acacia.....	192	7	8	7	4	1	1	5	...	1	197	5	...
12	Red Deer.....	145	3	3	3	1	...	1	3	...	1	144	...	1
13	Victoria.....	53	...	2	2	1	1	1	...	...	1	53	...	...
14	Jasper.....	173	12	9	8	3	7	8	4	...	2	181	8	...
15	Wetaskiwin.....	106	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	111	5	...
16	Mountain View...	71	2	2	2	...	...	2	6	...	...	65	...	6
17	Nanton.....	84	3	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	1	86	2	...
18	Britannia.....	75	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	79	4	...
19	Cornerstone.....	155	9	9	8	2	1	...	...	...	1	166	11	...
20	Carstairs.....	51	7	5	5	5	...	1	1	...	2	59	8	...
21	King Hiram.....	93	5	5	5	3	...	2	4	...	1	94	1	...
22	Corinthian.....	88	7	7	6	1	...	2	...	...	2	92	4	...
23	Calgary.....	286	3	6	7	1	4	7	5	...	3	279	...	7
24	Vermilion.....	101	5	5	6	...	...	9	...	...	...	97	...	4
25	St. John's.....	84	3	3	5	8	...	2	4	...	...	89	5	...
26	Sentinel.....	75	2	2	2	1	...	3	1	...	2	72	...	3
27	Apollo.....	131	2	3	3	...	...	7	...	...	2	124	...	7
28	Ashlar.....	234	3	4	4	6	...	4	9	...	1	229	...	5
29	Kenilworth.....	119	5	3	3	1	...	3	...	...	1	121	2	...
30	Summit.....	47	1	1	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	51	4	...
31	Doric.....	59	4	4	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	63	4	...
32	Cairo.....	72	2	4	9	2	...	2	2	...	1	71	...	1
33	Stavely.....	70	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	72	1	...
34	Star of the West.	67	4	2	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	69	2	...
35	Mizpah.....	130	6	6	6	2	1	3	...	...	...	136	6	...
36	Gleichen.....	84	4	4	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	90	6	...
37	Camrose.....	77	6	7	7	12	...	1	...	...	...	94	17	...
38	Hope.....	58	5	3	3	2	1	1	...	...	2	63	5	...
39	Lethbridge.....	165	12	13	13	3	1	4	1	...	...	176	11	...
40	Joppa.....	44	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	44	...	...
41	King Solomon...	30	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	28	...	2
42	Bowden.....	41	6	6	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	46	5	...
43	Tuscan.....	91	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	95	4	...
44	Buffalo Park....	56	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	57	1	...

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45	Ionic.....	37	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	1	35	...	2
46	Palestine.....	48	3	3	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	55	7	...
47	Chinook.....	41	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	44	3	...
48	Crossfield.....	68	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	68	...	...
49	Robert Burns...	45	3	3	4	1	...	...	4	...	...	45	...	...
50	Comet.....	49	1	...	1	...	...	10	...	...	1	39	...	10
51	Unity.....	441	12	14	11	...	5	14	4	...	4	436	...	5
53	Strathmore.....	90	5	4	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	93	3	...
54	Mount Lebanon.	257	4	3	3	1	...	3	3	...	1	255	...	2
55	Bassano.....	88	3	3	3	2	...	4	2	...	...	87	...	1
56	Beaver.....	53	5	4	4	6	1	...	...	...	...	65	12	...
57	Grassy Lake...	41	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	35	...	11
58	Chief Mountain.	34	4	2	1	4	1	1	2	...	...	40	6	...
59	King George....	287	15	15	14	5	2	6	6	...	1	296	9	...
60	Acme.....	64	3	3	3	...	...	...	4	1	...	60	...	4
61	Provost.....	76	1	1	1	...	1	1	4	...	...	73	...	3
62	Coal.....	31	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	...
63	Empire.....	160	6	11	11	3	2	3	2	...	1	165	5	...
64	Bow Island.....	80	5	4	3	1	1	7	...	...	...	80	...	...
65	Diamond City...	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	31	...	6
66	St. Andrews....	47	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	49	2	...
67	Charity.....	84	3	3	3	3	...	2	1	...	1	86	2	...
68	Edson.....	130	4	9	9	4	...	3	2	...	...	133	3	...
69	Connaught.....	39	3	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	41	2	...
70	Quarry.....	53	2	2	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	51	...	2
71	Tawatinaw.....	35	3	2	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	37	2	...
72	Coronation.....	83	2	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	87	4	...
73	Brooks.....	88	8	7	5	2	...	4	1	...	...	93	5	...
74	Vulcan.....	87	7	6	5	5	...	1	1	...	1	96	9	...
75	Harmony.....	56	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	55	...	1
76	Fidelity.....	70	5	7	7	...	...	1	6	...	...	68	...	2
77	Strathcona.....	192	6	4	4	...	2	9	6	1	3	181	...	11
78	Hanna.....	94	5	5	5	3	...	5	...	...	...	97	3	...
79	Morning Star...	39	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	39	...	...
80	Excelsior.....	32	3	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	2	30	...	2
81	Commercial.....	187	4	4	3	7	3	4	5	...	...	192	5	...
82	Acadia.....	50	6	5	4	1	1	...	4	...	1	53	3	...
83	Zetland.....	217	5	6	7	3	2	7	...	...	1	219	2	...
84	Champion.....	59	6	4	4	2	1	3	4	...	...	61	2	...
85	Suffield.....	36	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	32	...	4
86	Rocky Mountain.	64	1	1	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	61	...	3
87	Crescent.....	220	10	6	7	2	...	5	4	...	1	222	2	...
88	Wahpun.....	38	4	2	1	2	1	3	...	...	1	41	3	...
89	Peace River.....	81	1	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	2	77	...	4

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
90	Norwood.....	116	8	7	7	2		1	3			122	6	...
91	Patricia.....	417	12	12	14	7	2	13	15			410	...	7
92	Saskatchewan ..	94	7	6	6	2	3	3	7			96	2	...
93	Symbol.....	205	18	17	13	1		5			1	218	13	...
94	Lamont.....	46	1					1				46		...
95	Kitchener	37						4				33		4
96	Dynamic.....	54	2	2	2	1		1	8			48		6
97	Albion.....	27	2	3	3				2			27		...
98	Hand Hill.....	60	1	2	2		1	2			2	58		2
99	Mount Moriah ..	22						1	2			19		3
100	Warner.....	36	3	2	1			1	6			32		4
101	West Edmonton ..	103	5	3	4	1		2	2		1	104	1	...
102	Edgerton.....	38	4	1	1	1		1			1	41	3	...
103	Foremost.....	31	2	1	3			1				32	1	...
104	Oyen.....	54	8	11	10	1		1	3			59	5	...
105	Grande Prairie ..	82	1	2	2	5		1				87	5	...
106	Lake Saskatoon ..	40	4	4	4	2						46	6	...
107	Carbon.....	55	1	3	2	8		2	1			61	6	...
108	Pyramid.....	31	2	2		1		1				33	2	...
109	Ancient Landmark ..	38	7	8	8	2		1			1	45	7	...
110	Kilwinning.....	55	1	1	2	2	1	3	1			55		...
111	Nobleford.....	17						1			1	15		2
112	Victory.....	36	1	1	1			11	1			25		11
113	Cyprus.....	45	2	2	1	2						49	4	...
114	Westlock.....	50	1	2	2			1	3		1	46		4
115	Crocus.....	37	1	1	1	1		1	2			36		1
116	Spirit River.....	48	7	7	7			1				54	6	...
117	Dominion.....	60	7	4	3				1			66	6	...
118	St. Mark's.....	61	9	9	8	1						71	10	...
119	York.....	91	7	7	7	3		3	1			97	6	...
120	Monitor.....	45	7	7	5	2		3	2			49	4	...
121	Clive.....	18	1	1								18		...
122	Rising Sun.....	39	12	8	6	1		2				50	11	...
123	Rockyford.....	45	4	3	3			2				47	2	...
124	Concord.....	85	6	7	8	5		1	1		1	93	8	...
125	Cavell.....	34	3	1	1	1						38	4	...
126	Pembina.....	42	2	2				3				41		1
127	Granite.....	60	7	5	5							67	7	...
128	Forestburg.....	36	2	1	1							38	2	...
129	Meridian.....	34	4	6	6			1				37	3	...
130	Hussar.....	28	3	3	3							31	3	...
131	Kitscoty.....	33	1	1	1				1		2	31		2
132	Craigmyle.....	30			1			2				28		2

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133	Manyberries.....	23	1	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	24	1	...
134	Renfrew.....	108	15	16	14	7	...	4	1	...	...	125	17	...
135	Alliance.....	21	5	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	6	...
136	Cresset.....	19	3	4	6	4	...	2	...	...	...	24	5	...
137	Irricana.....	25	13	10	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	40	15	...
138	Onoway.....	19	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	20	1	...
139	Melrose.....	24	4	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	28	4	...
140	Big Valley.....	34	7	7	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	45	11	...
141	Efficiency.....	18	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	1
142	Ivanhoe.....	68	9	10	13	10	...	3	...	...	...	84	16	...
143	Jasper Park.....	49	11	10	14	9	...	2	...	...	...	67	18	...
144	Gratton.....	22	2	2	2	1	...	4	...	...	1	20	...	2
145	St. Alban's.....	21	14	13	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	39	18	...
146	Drumheller.....	9	23	19	14	9	...	...	...	...	...	41	32	...
U.D.	Northland.....	...	6	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	...
U.D.	Mayerthorpe.....	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	...
		12665	674	638	626	293	55	334	226	1	91	13035	561	191

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J. H. W. S. Kemmis	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	A. M. Mitchell	A. M. Mitchell	T. Sharpe	S. Y. Taylor	Wm. Ireland	Rev. Jno. G. Goddard

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. L. McCracken (9).

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 85	Suffield.....	Suffield
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. T. Hubbard (7)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. W. Gillman (20)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. V. Phipps (80)

No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. Knowles (22)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. O. Rostrup (58)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardstone
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Warner.....	Warner
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. M. Morrison (30)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Preston (72)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Monitor
No. 121	Clive.....	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jno. T. McCreath (90)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Albans.....	St. Paul de Metis

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. W. Rogers (65)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Diamond City
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jno. Hening (91)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	West Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. H. Sutherland (89)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Lake Saskatoon
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Waterhole

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Clifford Grant (98)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 99	Mount Moriah	Sibbald
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
U.D.	Rosebud	Rosebud

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. W. Spires (125)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 109	Ancient Landmark	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?
- Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?
- Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman.

To the M.W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your committee submits reviews of the proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions for the year 1926:

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| 1. Alabama | 32. New Hampshire |
| 2. Arizona | 33. New Jersey |
| 3. Arkansas | 34. New Mexico |
| 4. British Columbia | 35. New York |
| 5. California | 36. New Zealand |
| 6. Canada (in Ontario) | 37. North Carolina |
| 7. Colorado | 38. North Dakota |
| 8. Connecticut | 39. Nova Scotia |
| 9. Delaware | 40. Ohio |
| 10. England | 41. Oklahoma |
| 11. Florida | 42. Oregon |
| 12. Georgia | 43. Pennsylvania |
| 13. Idaho | 44. Philippine Islands |
| 14. Illinois | 45. Prince Edward Island |
| 15. Indiana | 46. Quebec |
| 16. Iowa | 47. Queensland |
| 17. Ireland | 48. Rhode Island |
| 18. Kansas | 49. Saskatchewan |
| 19. Kentucky | 50. Scotland |
| 20. Louisiana | 51. South Carolina |
| 21. Maine | 52. South Dakota |
| 22. Manitoba | 53. Texas |
| 23. Maryland | 54. Utah |
| 24. Massachusetts | 55. Vermont |
| 25. Michigan | 56. Victoria |
| 26. Minnesota | 57. Virginia |
| 27. Mississippi | 58. Washington |
| 28. Missouri | 59. West Australia |
| 29. Nebraska | 60. West Virginia |
| 30. Nevada | 61. Wisconsin |
| 31. New Brunswick | 62. Wyoming. |

The chairman desires to take this opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the other members of the committee, namely, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Your committee desire to express their sincere regret at the loss of the services as a member of this committee of R.W. Bro. George F. Auxier, P.D.D.G.M., who died on April 19, 1927. R.W. Bro. Auxier was a very valued member of the committee and, during the

years in which he participated in this work, took a keen enjoyment therein. R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay was appointed to the committee to succeed the late R.W. Bro. Auxier and it is expected that he will be a worthy successor.

The chairman desires to record his satisfaction on the resumption this year of his active labors in this committee by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, and also desires to express his regret that, owing to circumstances beyond his control, M.W. Bro. Kemmis has been obliged to take a very restricted share in the work this year. The committee misses the assistance of R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump, who felt obliged to decline his services for this year, but expressed the hope that he would be able to resume his work with this committee before the end of another year.

Your committee, in submitting this report, hopes that its labors will prove acceptable to the brethren of foreign jurisdictions. We realize the limitations necessarily involved in the work of this committee being carried on by several members, instead of by an individual correspondent. We are not yet fortunate in this jurisdiction to secure the labors of any brother who has the time to devote to this work, as is done in most other Grand Jurisdictions on this continent.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The 106th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Temple, Birmingham, Ala., on November 30th and December 1st, 1926. Grand Master Bro. Oliver Day Street, well known author of "Symbolism of the Three Degrees" and a frequent contributor to Masonic journals, presided. Alberta was represented by Brother R. E. Steiner.

The Grand Master in his address raises the question "whether Freemasonry is being distracted from the original purpose of the Order by the many reform movements and enterprises commendable in themselves which Grand Lodges and Masonic bodies are undertaking." Continuing, he says that "We should never lose sight of the fact that the chief purpose of Masonry and the chief apology for its existence is to take the living stone in its crude and unpolished state and make of it a stone fit to go into the erection of that house not made with hands. In other words, its chief work is making men."

He suggests that were he required to venture an opinion as to the most discouraging public symptom it would not be the crime wave, but "would be the disposition so prevalent and conspicuous everywhere to do the least and poorest work for the most pay. The prevailing watchword is 'Get by.' Interest in an employer's business or pride in the quality of one's work is with a very large and increasing percentage of the people wholly lacking. The idea is do just enough to keep from getting fired. There is constantly increasing clamor for shorter hours and fewer days' work, not in order to give more time for self-improvement but more time for idleness and joy-riding, and other frivolities, not to say in many instances for dissipation and vice. The man or nation that falls into idleness is going to fall behind in the race of progress. This slovenly, lazy, frivolous, or indifferent spirit gets no encouragement from Masonry. Most of its symbols are im-

plements of labor; its very name is a synonym of labor. It says much for the beauty and dignity as well as utility of labor, but nowhere has a word of approval for idleness or for a disposition to slight one's work. Young man, young brother, at a time when every one else seems bent on pleasure, there could be no more favorable time for you to work."

What a timely warning are these words to the Craft who have the responsibility of passing on to posterity pure and unsullied the wonderful heritage of our ancestral cathedral-builders.

A dispensation to Lanett Lodge, No. 656, to wear regalia in a church parade was refused, the Grand Master ruling that it was contrary to Masonic law.

Following the Great War, probably out of sentiment, many jurisdictions established relations with the Grand Orient of France. Believing their reasons to be competent, the Grand Lodge of Alabama did so in 1919. On the Grand Master's recommendation the following resolution was adopted at the 1926 communication: It appearing that the Grand Orient of France has entered into affiliation with a clandestine organization in Pennsylvania claiming to be Masonic, called the "Regional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," otherwise known as the "Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Universal Freemasonry," be it therefore resolved, that all fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Alabama and the Grand Orient of France be and the same are hereby severed.

M.W. Bro. Street displayed timely wisdom in first analyzing the tubercular sanatoria situation before committing his grand jurisdiction to schemes in the South-west. He desired to be satisfied whether or not one location was the only all-desired and suitable one for sanatoria. The advice he received from Johns Hopkins Hospital was to send patients to the nearest tubercular sanitorium. The National Tubercular Association replied that this was a very vital question which they were investigating at the present time.

The following question submitted to the Grand Master, his decision, and the subsequent reversal by the Committee on Jurisprudence is interesting. Question—Is it proper and in accordance with Masonic law and tenets to offer prayer in a lodge in the name of Christ or Jesus?

Decision.—The only religious test required or allowed by the Grand Lodge of Alabama is a belief in Deity. No sectarian religious practice or teaching beyond this should be permitted in any Masonic Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. It is improper to introduce anything religious into the lodge which could be objectionable to any sincere believer in Deity whatever be his particular opinions beyond that one requirement. Held that it is improper for the leader of the Lodge in prayer to address the prayer of the Lodge or its invocation to any other than God or Deity. When prayer is addressed to the Deity, surely each suppliant is supposed to be addressing Him according to his own conception and religious belief, and thus there is no sacrifice or surrender of religious conviction on the part of any brother and at the same time the sectarian belief of no brother is injected into the lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows and Grand Lodge adopted:—We do not concur in the Grand Master's answer. We submit the following as the correct answer: A Mason offering prayer in the lodge may pray to his God—observing his own conception of Deity. It is, therefore, proper and in accordance with Masonic

law and tenets for a Mason who believes in the Christ or Jesus to offer prayer in the lodge in His name.

M.W. Bro. Street was re-elected for the customary second term, as Grand Master.

Membership 54,538. Gain, 548. Lodges, 579.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Forty-fourth Annual Communication held at Tucson, February 9th to 11th, 1926. M.W. Bro. Clement H. Colman, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a succinct comment on his year's work. That he has been an able and active servant of his jurisdiction is amply evidenced throughout the report. All is peaceful in Arizona apparently for the points touched upon by the Grand Master are all of the routine nature and of interest primarily to the brethren of the jurisdiction.

One interesting episode fully dealt with in the report is an exchange of visits between the Grand Lodge of Arizona and the Pacific Grand Lodge of Mexico. The speech of the Mexican Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Divorak, appears in full, in translation, and clears up a number of points which have puzzled Masons in North America regarding the status of the numerous Mexican Grand Lodges. We feel sure that the exchange of visits started by Arizona will do much to allay feelings of doubt as to the status of some of the Mexican Grand Lodges and bring "the universality of the science" another step nearer culmination.

A brief sketch of the growth of the Grand Lodge of Arizona by Bro. Otis J. Baughn, Grand Treasurer, is full of interest as pointing the way over which pioneer Masons in the South-western States have plodded their hopeful and successful pathway.

An oration on "Modern Masonry" by Wor. Bro. James R. Malott, finds a prominent place in the proceedings and from it we cull the following thoughts:

" . . . each individual Mason is free to hold his own conception of Masonry and to interpret it to the best of his ability."

" . . . the end or aim of our fraternity is to help bring about on earth God's justice among men by working through men and with men."

" . . . the Mason must still be taught the true meaning and value of Liberty and Equality that he may forever protect them."

Speaking of the Russian Soviet, the Italian Dictatorship and the outlawing of Italian Masons and the Tennessee Fundamentalism forces on the public schools, he says:

"Masonry has always stood for the protection of the individual against the encroachments of governments and factions. It has never sought to use the law 'as a scheme for social control' but has elected to work through the individual, knowing that if it taught well its 'truth' would be recognized and voluntarily accepted by all men." "That program has been successful so far, but today the great danger which faces our organization is the urge on the part of some of our members to move faster."

"We think it is time to move faster and to more purpose and an examination of the proceedings of many of the older and much greater

Grand Lodges reveals that they are thinking the same way. The 'monkey trial' at Dayton was less of an attempt, in effect, to line up public opinion for 'this or that law' as pressure to force men to think in a groove cut by a militant minority. Yet we do not remember hearing the voice of Masonry in support of 'Liberty and Equality.' Today we are convinced we must look at Masonry stripped of the flowers of rhetoric and ask ourselves, 'What is really being done in performance, commensurate with our pretensions and tremendous possibilities, outside our own immediate circle?'

"Teaching' individuals may be 'leavening the lump' but what a lump and oh, so little leaven working. The world moves faster and so must we or be pushed aside by more action-compelling institutions, now making tremendous inroads on the energies of our brethren. There are crying needs in this old world today outside of local and national politics or beliefs for which Craft Masonry can build temples of service. We have the men, the power, the ideals. Why not use them?"

The report concludes with the usual statistical tables showing Arizona Masonry in healthy condition.

There is no report of "Foreign Correspondence."

Nelson C. Bledsoe, Bisbee, Grand Master; George J. Roskrue, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

ARKANSAS

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Little Rock, on November 16, 1926. M.W. Bro. Claud L. Hill, Grand Master.

Our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, W. Bro. Lamar Walker, was not present.

Grand Master Hill, in his annual address, has the following to say with regard to Masonic ideals:

"What the Masons of Arkansas need today, as much as any other one thing, is a higher ideal of Masonry.

"To many people an ideal suggests something vague and indefinite, they think of a fleeting vision or a mystic mirage, they think of air castles and idle dreams, they think of broken pledges, unkept promises and resolutions that have burned up in the fires of procrastination, they think of noble intentions that have withered in the fierce heat of practical execution, they think of tears of repentance, that have dried on the cheek of the prodigal son, ere he had taken a dozen steps from the far country toward his father's house.

"But an ideal is no such unsubstantial or vanishing quality, an ideal embodies the highest good consistent with the practical possibility of achievement; an ideal refuses to build upon the sinking sand of materialism, rejects matter as the ultimate ground of reality, declines to worship the golden calf, and puts no trust in the things that perish. An ideal pleads not for quantity, not bulk, but value; not matter, but mind; not the immediate, but the eternal; not the symbol, but the thing symbolized; not the machine, but the power that runs it." }

This Grand Lodge contributed \$41,953.00 last year for the support of the Arkansas Masonic Orphans' Home. Fifty-seven boys and sixty-five girls were cared for at this home during the past year. The reports of the trustees and of the superintendent of this home are

very complete and indicate the excellent work that is being carried on in this institution.

Your reviewer read with much pleasure and profit the interesting address of R.W. Bro. Charles E. Smith, Grand Orator. The concluding paragraphs are an indication of its special merit:

"The Spartan mother exposed her infant babe naked upon the housetop in order that only the strong and the fit might survive, and that the weak and the unfit might perish. We must do something more than merely expose our members to the 'work' and expect them to catch the vision of Masonry. We must see to it that they are given an opportunity to know something of Masonry as an historical institution, a patriotic institution, an intellectual, a moral, and a fraternal institution.

"To the ancients it was the highest praise of a man to say, 'He was a Roman.' It meant not only a man who was a citizen of the great empire, but one who played fair, who was too proud to stoop to anything base, who was gentle without being weak, strong without being a brute; the highest praise of Caesar was, 'He was the noblest Roman of them all.' It should be the highest praise of us today to say, 'He is a Mason.' But that will only be true, my brethren, when we, as individuals, begin to make an earnest and sincere effort to be better men, better husbands, better fathers, better sons, better brothers, by living the lessons of the several degrees, being quiet and peaceable citizens of the state and country, reverent towards sacred things, square with our fellow men and true to ourselves. When that time shall come, my brethren, Masonry will be what she has a right to be, and what I do believe that God intends that she shall be, a mighty and beneficent power throughout this great commonwealth of ours, teaching her sublime truths and putting into practice her commendable virtues in the daily life and actions of every individual Mason.

"Oh, the cedars of Lebanon grow at our door,
And the quarry is sunk at our gate,
And the ships out of Ophir, with golden ore,
For our summoning mandate wait;
While the day hath light, let the light be used,
For no man shall the night control,
Or ever the silver cord be loosed
Or broken the golden bowl
Let us build King Solomon's Temple
In each true Masonic soul."

A special committee appointed to designate the graves of Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge and to report whether the same were marked by monuments and to offer recommendations with regard to any, presented an interim report. The committee hesitated to make any recommendations as to the erection of monuments to those not already marked, until full information was obtained and they therefor submitted their report without recommendation.

A handsome Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Claud L. Hill.

"There is no review of foreign correspondence.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 555.

Number of Members, 34,821.

S. Y. T.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Victoria on June 17, 1926. M.W. Bro. Alex. M. Manson, Grand Master.

No less than seventeen Past Grand Masters were present at this Annual Communication.

The following paragraph will serve as an indication of the general excellence of M.W. Bro. Manson's address:

"Why do Lodges meet? Is it for the purpose of merely making in a mechanical way Freemasons—of adding to the numerical strength of the Craft? Surely not. It is for a far nobler purpose. A rap comes upon the outer door, a stranger seeks admission to our Lodge, his name is given to us and we refer his request to a committee—a committee charged with a great responsibility. No other committee appointed by the Lodge has so important a duty as the Committee of Enquiry. Into its hands is given the duty of protecting the Lodge and the whole Fraternity. What is it to seek—perfection? No, not that. That were useless. What then? Simply this, to ascertain whether it can find in the heart of the stranger good character and in his mind a willingness to have his character moulded to richer, better things. The stranger must come under the tongue of good report. It will not do for the committee to report to the Lodge that it can find nothing against the stranger. This is a day of gambling, a day of taking chances, but this is no place to take a chance. With pains and diligence the committee must search as far afield as occasion may require to learn the truth. Only when it has searched in most diligent and faithful fashion can it come to the Lodge with the report which to the Lodge is due. And withal the committee must be fair to the stranger, must remember that he is formed of just the same clay as we, subject to all the human frailties and with a heart just as susceptible of wounding as is ours. There must be fairness, but if there is doubt then clearly the benefit of the doubt must be given to the Lodge. The stranger may rap again at a later date but the Lodge for its own sake and for the sake of the Fraternity must see to it that it only accepts a stranger who comes under the tongue of good report. The committee, having discharged its duty faithfully—if the Lodge has confidence that it has done so—then the report should not be lightly thrown aside. True it is that we vest in each individual member of the Lodge the prerogative of saying whether or not the stranger shall be admitted. No one may question the exercise of that prerogative, and yet, standing before the altar, choosing as between the dark and the white, in the secret place, we should choose without malice and without pettiness and with an eye single to the welfare of the Craft. The choice of the dark from motives of pettiness or malice, from any improper motive, is the wielding of the cowardly stiletto of the assassin. Brethren, I can only say to you, as eminent and illustrious predecessors of mine in this Grand Lodge and Grand Masters throughout the world have said to the Fraternity in years gone by—the prerogative of the ballot is one that should be exercised in the utmost good conscience, and having been exercised, the book is closed. What has been done is not a matter for the street. A Freemason's tongue should never be loose, and, least of all, should it be loose with regard to the business of the Lodge, and in particular with regard to the exercise of the ballot."

He has the following to say with regard to his visit to the City of Calgary:

"On the 6th day of September, 1925, I had the very great pleasure of visiting in Concord Lodge, No. 124, G.L. Alberta, at the City of

Calgary, as the guest of M.W. Bro. Carruthers, Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the officers and brethren of Concord Lodge. I had the honour of being accompanied by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. D. W. Sutherland and by the R.W. Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Robert Baird, and Bro. W. R. Dunwoody of United Service Lodge, No. 24. Nothing could excel the warmth of the welcome given us by M.W. Bro. Carruthers and the brethren of Calgary. We shall not forget the hospitality shown us not only within the Lodge room but at the most delightful banquet afterwards. M.W. Bro. Carruthers honored me with an invitation to attend the Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta on the 9th and 10th of this month. It was with great regret that I was compelled to decline the invitation owing to the proximity of our own Annual Communication."

The following are some of the rulings made by M.W. Bro. Manson:

He disapproved of the phrase "By order of the Wardens" upon a Lodge notice. Upon the death or in the absence of the W.M. the notice should issue "By order of the S. Warden."

He disapproved of a Masonic picnic on Sunday.

That the Immediate P. M. is not an officer of the Lodge and that Trustees and Auditors are not officers properly so called, but should be appointed by separate By-laws.

That the ruling of Grand Lodge in 1903, stating "The rule that should govern the remission or rejection of candidates on the question of physical qualifications is that those candidates only should be admitted who are in a position to give and receive the essentials of Masonic recognition, otherwise they should be barred," should be a safe guide in the matter of physical fitness.

That the Master of Nechako Lodge be suspended for thirty days for conferring degrees out of time.

He disapproved of Grandview Lodge, No. 96, renting its hall or meeting in the same place as a body known as the Ku Klux Klan.

That D.D.G.M.s should keep in touch with functions in their respective districts under the auspices of Lodges and see to it that the functions are carried on in an orthodox fashion and consistent with the best traditions of Freemasonry.

That the Lodge notice should give the address and description of a candidate for the ballot.

That an applicant minus three fingers of his left hand and the index finger of the same hand having been amputated at the first joint, is eligible for admission.

That a candidate is ineligible who by reason of physical disability is unable to kneel, and also that a candidate who cannot give and receive the essentials of Masonic recognition is ineligible.

He commended the D.D.G.M.s for their zeal in connection with the increase of the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge. The voluntary contributions by the brethren during the year amounted to \$32,000.00.

The recommendation of the D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, "That the various Masonic districts be named as well as numbered in order to give a clearer idea of geographic location" was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Total membership, 13,965. Net increase, 572.

S. Y. T.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California, was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Tuesday, October 12, 1926. Grand Master Albert Eugene Boynton presided.

There were seventeen Past Grand Masters present. Other jurisdictions were represented by the Grand Master of Masons of Oregon, M.W. Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich.

The Grand Master's address had not only a fine literary quality, but was inspired by a keen realization of the responsibilities of his position and a high appreciation of the aims and ideals actuating the Masons of California and of this continent in these days. It covers a wide range of subjects and gives the reader a very inclusive understanding of the manifold activities of the Craft in California.

Speaking on the general condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction, the Grand Master said:

"The condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, in the main, is good. We are prospering probably as never before, both in material resources and in the character of our novitiates. . . . Twenty-three lodges are now working under dispensations issued by the Grand Master, three of them by my predecessor. I believe that each of the new lodges fills a real want. Before granting any dispensation, I made careful inquiry concerning the reason why the lodge should be formed, and every reasonable precaution was taken to know that the formation would redound to the social and moral benefit, not only of Masonry but of the community in which it was to work as a lodge. For I hold to the belief that no group of Masons should be permitted to organize as a lodge unless it first be shown that thereby they will be an asset to the social and moral life of the State and to the community in which it is to exist."

The Grand Master found occasion to deprecate the injection of politics, municipal and state, into Masonic circles, as instanced by candidates for office circularizing the Craft and in other instances Masters of lodges sending out circulars in support of certain named candidates for office. Lotteries and raffles came in for criticism, even though they were being conducted by so-called collateral organizations. The Grand Master gave the following direction to a Worshipful Master:

"If you know of any Mason who sold tickets or chances on an automobile, you may advise him that it is my order that all moneys received from the sale of chances be returned to the purchasers. The sale of chances on an automobile is in violation of the penal laws of the State of California, and, of course is in violation of the law of Masonry."

On the subject of Sunday picnics, the Grand Master quoted with approval from the address of Grand Master Sherman in 1923:

"It would be unwise and unfair for a lodge to hold a picnic on a Sunday because many members 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' and could not participate in such an outing without offence to their religious beliefs; and no lodge should sponsor any gatherings which could not be attended by every member. If, however, it is desired by some of the members to foregather for an outing on Sunday, taking their lunch baskets and their wives and children to some selected rendezvous and there indulge in a sociable picnic, I would say that such an outing would not in any wise derogate from the dignity which

should and does attach to membership in our ancient Institution. Invitations to such outings should be personal or by sealed envelope and never in a newspaper."

The Grand Secretary's report was almost entirely statistical. It showed the Grand Lodge in excellent financial condition.

The annual oration delivered by W. Bro. Ezra W. Decoto, Grand Orator, was a very pleasing and scholarly address, the central theme running through it being the value of friendship.

The Grand Lecturer recommended the adoption of some definite plan for the examination of visitors. This is a matter which appears to be receiving attention and is the subject of suggestion in a good many Grand Jurisdictions.

Regarding the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria problem in New Mexico, the Grand Lodge of California, with apparently very good basis in fact, were of the opinion that they had a sufficiently heavy problem of this kind on their own hands, without going further afield.

The proceedings contain a somewhat lengthy but very well prepared report on the activities of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Schools Week. This project seems to be making considerable headway in California and the results will doubtless prove interesting to Masons in other jurisdictions. It would seem that true appraisal of the value of these results could only be reached after the plans of the committee had been in operation for at least a few years.

Proposals by the Committee on Jurisprudence, regarding the automatic expulsion of members of the Craft convicted of crime, were recommitted by Grand Lodge to the committee and subsequently defeated.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Jesse M. Whited and is presented on the topical rather than the jurisdictional plan, being Bro. Whited's sixth report. He finds the outstanding question in a large number of jurisdictions, 'What should our Institution do in the affairs of the world, either through the individual or collectively?' Quoting from Dr. J. Fort Newton, he presents a partial answer to this question:

"There are three things which we must do, one of which I have mentioned as providing for the education of young men in Freemasonry. Another important step is to do our part in healing America of her racial rancor, which is the mother of war and yet the undertone of jurisdiction in every American community today. There is room for everything in this great free country except bitterness and hatred, and this great issue should not come between us and the prospects of the greatest civilization ever known.

"The last thing we can do is to heal American of her religious rancor. We want peace and harmony, where religion is based on religious principles that give religious satisfaction. It was William Penn who said, 'Men who fight about religion have no religion to fight about,' and he was right. We must work together in this fellowship of Freemasonry, considering all it has done and all it can do."

There is appended to the Report on Correspondence a considerable amount of general information regarding the Masonic calendar, Masonic dates, date of Annual Communications, officials of American Grand Bodies and Masonic periodicals, also statistics of Masonic membership in the United States and in other countries, and other interesting statistical information.

In the matter of yearly growth, California stands third in all the jurisdictions of the world, Illinois being first, and New York second.

Total membership, 122,402. Net gain, 6,895.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Geo. L. Jones.

Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. John Whicher.

F. S. S.

CANADA

(In the Province of Ontario)

The Seventy-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, commencing on Wednesday, July the twenty-first, 1926. M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

We observe that only two Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge were present at the Annual Communication.

Fitting reference was made in the address of the M.W. the Grand Master to the passing of M.W. Bro. James H. Burritt, a devoted member and counsellor in this Grand Lodge, who ably fulfilled the duties of Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws for many years.

Among the many distinguished visitors at this Annual Communication were M.W. Bro. Reid and M.W. Bro. Ovas, Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M.W. Bro. Falkenstein, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, M.W. Bro. L. B. Winsor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and R.W. Bro. John Fishel, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The total membership of this Grand Lodge is estimated at 110,000.

The assets of this Grand Lodge on May 31st, 1926, in the General Fund amounted to \$336,860.00, and in the semi-centennial Fund to \$105,650.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of ten lodges during the year. Twelve lodges were dedicated and six constituted and consecrated.

Two especial Communications were held for the purpose of laying the corner stones of Masonic Temples, and two for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a church.

The following are a few of the rulings made by Grand Master Rowland:

1. A candidate should receive his first degree in the lodge in which his application is accepted.
2. A blind man is ineligible for the office of W.M.
3. The Secretary of a lodge must not allow access to his mailing list or books to any unauthorized person.
4. A demitted member who is indebted for dues to the lodge in which he took his demit, is not eligible to affiliate with any other lodge while the dues remain unpaid.

Two special contributions were made during the year. One of \$1000.00 to the Peace Memorial Fund of the United Grand Lodge of

England, and one of \$1000.00 to the County Hospital for Sick Children. These were subsequently ratified by Grand Lodge.

The M.W. the Grand Master made the following interesting remarks concerning Benevolence which are well worthy of special reference:

"Our chief problem in connection with our benevolent work is not one of money, although that enters into it, much less is it one of institutions; it is rather one of co-operation. The charity that consists of distributing a few dollars in a casual sort of way simply helps to pauperize the community. The lodge that passes on to Grand Lodge its obligations and then forgets them forever is wasting its opportunities. You may require our assistance; we also require yours. And the thing of which we stand in most need today is that the private lodges shall show in connection with the cases that come to us that same quiet, unobtrusive, personal and sympathetic interest that is shown in connection with their own.

"It is the custom in some jurisdictions to limit the Grand Lodge grant by the amount given by the private lodges. I would not recommend that practice here. We cannot manage our benevolence with the accuracy and precision of a commercial enterprise. The more mechanical it becomes the more it ceases to be a charity. It is not a system of doles. It is not even a form of 'settlement work.' We are dealing with those, or the dependents of those, who at one time were thought worthy to become members of our ancient and honourable fraternity. Advice, encouragement, the evidence of a personal interest are often of greater value than financial aid. Grand Lodge can assist with the latter; it is only the individual that can issue cheques upon the great Bank of Human Sympathy. I could thrill you by a plain and simple statement of the way in which some of our lodges are meeting their obligations in this respect, but—alas! it is not advertised. True charity is neither a sounding brass nor a tinkling cymbal. It most blesses him that gives as well as him that takes, when, like its sister mercy, it comes 'like a gentle rain from Heaven.' And so I appeal to the private lodges for a clearer understanding, a closer co-operation in our benevolent work. It will add a new interest to their Masonic life, and it will ensure a fuller measure of comfort and consolation to those who need it most."

I have, also, much pleasure in quoting the concluding paragraphs of his most interesting address:

"And what is the value of it all? Masonry is a progressive science. The more closely you study it, the more you see of its workings, the more convinced you are of its power for good.

"You may think of it as a great fraternity extending over the four divisions of the globe, with a long and honourable history extending far back into the distant past. A network of lodges, grouped, it may be, into independent jurisdictions, but fundamentally one; held together not by any statutory or legal bond, but by a common standard of membership, a common confession of faith, an allegiance to common ideals and common purposes. A partnership in a common moral and spiritual capital that is itself imperishable and eternal. A mighty instrument to break down the barriers of misunderstanding between men, and unite them more closely in the bonds of brotherhood.

"You may think of it as a great moral force directed toward the making of a better citizenship by the simple, but only effective method of making better citizens. If it has come down to us through the changing centuries, itself unchanged, and has extended its influence wherever civilization is found, it is not because of any conscious pur-

pose in the original Fathers of Masonry, but rather because of something inherent in Masonry itself. Its genius is that it has, in common with religion, the power to appeal direct to the hearts and minds of men, to lift them out of the passing and temporary things which make them many into the presence of those permanent things by virtue of which they are one, and in the vision of those things they catch a somewhat deeper understanding of the meaning of life, a broader outlook upon its problems, a renewed inspiration to usefulness and service.

"The one remains, the many change and pass:
Heaven's light forever shines, earth's shadows fly;
Life like a dome of many coloured glass
Stains the white radiance of Eternity.

"It is only to the extent to which men lift their eyes above the shadows to the light that they are able to give direction and value to their lives and make progress along the road that leads to that

" . . . far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

The following are a few of the suggestions made by the D.D.G.M.s, as a result of their past few years' experience, and are worthy of consideration:

1. Greater attention should be given to the proper ventilation of Lodge and banquet rooms.

2. Musical talent should be utilized and developed. The ceremonies will gain in beauty and impressiveness, and members who might otherwise be silent spectators will delight in a work which enlists their congenial and sympathetic co-operation.

3. Members who possess the requisite ability and enthusiasm might be encouraged to take part in the work of the degrees. This is a commendable variation calculated to promote interest, but should be used with caution. The dignity and impressiveness of the work should not be sacrificed by the selection of members who are lacking in ability, or who are too young in service.

4. There should be no publicity and advertising about Lodge meetings. We have Masonic papers in which to publish anything proper to be made known and of interest to Masons.

5. If members are to work in harmony the greatest care must be taken to exclude from the Lodge and its surroundings anything calculated to create discontent or disagreement. As one District Deputy well says: "It is a perilous procedure to introduce any matters that may sow the seeds of discord, or prostitute the sacred time of the Lodge to ignoble purposes or alien interests." And he might have added that to do so is distinctly unmasonic. Let us bear in mind the words of a Masonic teacher, which are as applicable today as when used nearly two centuries ago: "As the Craft hath subsisted from time immemorial and contains the most glorious precepts of morality and virtue, let not the malicious world have cause to blame us for any base or degenerate actions, but let us industriously pursue the unerring rules which the Almighty Architect hath given us; let us be united in one sacred bond of love and friendship, and if there is any contention among us, let it be in striving who can outdo each other in acts of religion, mercy, charity and all other good offices."

The retiring D.D.G.M.s presented M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer and Custodian of the Work, with a gold-headed cane and umbrella. M.W. Bro. Malone has for the past twenty-five years

instructed the newly elected District Deputies as to the duties of their office.

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master, presented a very complete and interesting review of the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. Our proceedings for 1925 received generous treatment at his hands. The Grand Lodge of Canada owes much to the untiring labours of this distinguished brother.

Number of Lodge, 555. Total Membership, 107,676. Net gain, 2,337.

S. Y. T.

COLORADO

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication, held at Denver. September 21 and 22, 1926,

Frank G. Mirik, Grand Master.

William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

147 Lodges. 32,126 Members. Gain, 967.

Fourteen Special Communications were held during the year.

This from the address of the Grand Master:

"The cycling year again finds us assembled in our Sixty-sixth Annual Communication to review the Masonic life and energy of the year which has passed into recorded history, and, guided by the light of experience, prompted and animated by a disinterested purpose to serve the great institution of Freemasonry, profiting by the failures and the successes of the year which has passed, to legislate for the future; to declare by calm, dispassionate judgment, and after careful consideration, that which shall best promote the interests of our Craft for the year to come.

"Standing as we do in the shadows of the fast receding years, we, as the representatives of the One hundred and forty-seven Masonic Lodges in this Commonwealth, with our substantial and healthy growth in numerical strength and material prosperity, have no small measure of responsibility resting upon us. But, by the grace of Almighty God and His blessings, the perfect accord that pervades the Masonic heart and thought of this Grand Jurisdiction, and causes the Masonic lifeblood to beat and flow with even and rhythmic pulsations, so modifies that responsibility as to make it at once a pleasure and a delight.

Grand Lodge was called to mourn the deaths of three Past Grand Masters during the year.

Four new lodges were constituted during the year.

The Grand Master was able to report that the general condition of the Craft over the state was good. The lodges in most cases were in a healthy condition, the exceptions being in communities that had suffered from agricultural or mining depression. Conditions, however, were improving.

Four matters engaged the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

A pleasing feature was the reception accorded to M.W. Bro. Chase Withrow, who was Grand Master in 1866.

The Correspondence is in the hands of a Committee consisting of Brothers Stanley C. Warner, Clarence A. Harris and Leonard E. Bartz, and presents a careful resume of Foreign Jurisdictions. Alberta is reviewed for the years 1925 and 1926.

C. V. B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Hartford, commencing Wednesday, February 3, A.D. 1926. M.W. Bro. Walter T. Arnold, Grand Master, presided.

There were thirteen Past Grand Masters and thirty-four representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions present, Alberta not being represented. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, and Past Grand Masters from the same jurisdiction, M.W. Bros. Wm. L. Daniels, Cooper H. Prickett, and Frank C. Sayrs, were welcomed and received as distinguished visitors.

The address of Grand Master Arnold was quite lengthy but was almost entirely confined to a report on his activities as Grand Master and embraced also correspondence with other jurisdictions and reports to the Grand Master with respect to matters of jurisdictional interest only.

An interesting statement appears in connection with the report of R.W. Bro. Nash concerning the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association of New Mexico, which is herewith quoted:

"One or two statements deserve serious consideration. The first is that over 200 sojourning Masons were buried by the Masons of Albuquerque last year and that the calls became so frequent that a Funeral Lodge was organized and chartered by the Grand Lodge to take care of this part of the work.

"The second is the large amount of money that these brethren have raised and expended in caring for sojourning Masons in this section of the country."

Mention is also made of the Past Grand Masters' Association to which the Grand Master pays tribute and acknowledges their assistance and advice.

The Deputy Grand Master also made an interesting report of his activities both within and without the jurisdiction. He strongly recommended the questionnaire being given each member of an investigating committee on candidates for degrees. Action on this suggestion, however, was laid over by Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge voted an appropriation of \$500.00 to the Emergency Relief Fund of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Home Endowment Fund reported several donations and bequests. One lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. of New Haven, celebrated its one hundred and seventy-sixth anniversary during the year and in commemoration of the event gave \$2000.00 to this Endowment Fund.

This Grand Lodge adopted a form of Past Grand Master's Jewel for presentation to living Past Grand Masters and authorized the presentation of the same.

A review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges is presented by M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, and is in his usual interesting vein, Alberta receiving generous recognition.

Total membership, 44,181. Net gain, 1,242.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George A. Kies.

F. S. S.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Wilmington, on October 6, 1926. M.W. Bro. James P. Pierce, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Geo. Hynson, P.G.M., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near this Grand Lodge, was present and took an active part in the proceedings. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present at this Annual Communication and each of the twenty-two lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction was also represented.

Grand Master Pierce presented a very businesslike and complete report of his official acts during his year of office. He visited every lodge in his jurisdiction and states that on all occasions he was well supported by members of the staff.

He made the following recommendations which were subsequently approved by Grand Lodge:

1. That membership be continued in the Masonic Service Association of the United States.
2. That the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for the expenses of the Masonic Service Committee for educational work within this jurisdiction.
3. That a representative be appointed to investigate the needs and make a report as to their responsibility in aiding the movement known as the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.
4. That each constituent lodge present to each candidate raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason a Bible, with suitable title page for the entering of the name of the candidate, the name of the lodge in which he was made a Master Mason and the date of receiving the degrees.

He also recommended that the assessment for the maintenance of the Gunning Bedford Scholarship be increased from fifteen to twenty-five cents per member.

The Committee on Records recommended that the Grand Secretary be authorized, in his discretion, to substitute a loose leaf minute book for the book now in use. It appears that at the present time the proceedings of each Annual and Special Communication are written out with a pen in long hand. Is not this an unnecessary expenditure of time and effort on the part of the Grand Secretary?

M.W. Bro. Frank C. Sayrs, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was elected a Past Grand Master honorarius, of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The Code of this Grand Lodge does not permit the conferring of the first degree as a courtesy to other Grand Lodges. We are likewise of the opinion that the first degree should in all cases be conferred by the lodge receiving and acting upon the petition.

M.W. Bro. T. J. Day, P.G.M. presents a very interesting report on correspondence and quotes freely from Grand Master Carruther's address

Total Membership, 5,955. Net gain, 44.

S. Y. T.

ENGLAND

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathern, K.G., etc., Grand Master. His Royal Highness has occupied the office of Grand Master for twenty-six consecutive years and has been a member of the Craft for fifty-one years.

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 3, 1926, the Board of General Purposes has the following to say with regard to the tendency towards commercializing Masonry:

"Once more the Board emphatically deprecates the exhibition in public of Masonic certificates, often shown on business premises for what can be considered only trade purposes; and it urges brethren generally to take every means to stop the use in connection with the Craft of advertisement or appeal in any form which is for private advancement. It again states its opinion that it is in the highest degree undesirable that endeavor should be made in this way by circular, personal solicitation, or newspaper advertisement to secure professional, commercial, or sectional advantage, while all attempts to associate Freemasonry with business development is deeply deplored. Further, the Board recommends that circular appeals of this type should not be read in lodge, and that the firms or individuals concerned should at once be informed of this admonition against such practices more than once pronounced by Grand Lodge. As in some cases the appeal is signed as if by a member of the Craft, it is desirable to make it clear that such conduct is deemed unmasonic, and will be brought before the Board as a matter of discipline."

W. Bro. Gordon P. G. Hills was appointed by the Trustees of the Prestonian Fund to be Prestonian Lecturer for the coming year. The success which has attended this series of lectures is attested by the increased number of applications from lodges throughout the country for their delivery.

The following excerpt from the Report of the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication held in June, 1926, will be of special interest to the Masters and Past Masters of lodges in this jurisdiction:

"Controversy continues at intervals to be raised concerning the use of a certain ceremony, occasionally practised in some lodges, purporting to be the opening *in extenso* of a Board of Installed Masters, with signs and words peculiar thereto. When advice on the matter has been sought of the authorities of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary, with the assent of the Board, has forwarded a circular in the precise terms adopted by his two immediate predecessors in office, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke and R.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, P.G.W., stating that this so-called ceremony is entirely irregular, and was never recognised by Grand Lodge. It was added, in this official document, that the ceremony formed no part of the ritual authorized by the United Grand Lodge of England at the time of the Union in 1813, or fourteen years later when the ceremony of Installing a Master was examined and considered by a Lodge or Board of Installed Masters, warranted by the then M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, K.G., to examine and consider the ceremony in order to bring about uniformity. The result of this examination and consideration having been communicated to the Grand Master, the nature of the ceremony was approved by him, and afterwards imparted to Installed Masters at meetings of that Lodge or Board until its warrant expired by effluxion of time. Ever since that date, it has been made plain by successive Grand Secretaries to all enquirers that no such degree is known to, or

recognized by, the United Grand Lodge of England as the Past Master's Degree, a Board of Installed Masters being defined as consisting of three or more brethren who are either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

"As the question of the regularity of the prohibition of this ceremony, which has never up to now been seriously challenged, has been again brought forward, the Board desires to state that it is entirely in accord with the policy in this regard pursued consistently for over a century, and declares the practice of the ceremony in question to be irregular."

We quote from the Report of the Board of General Purposes, held in December 1926, the following:

"The Board has had its attention drawn by Secretaries of Lodges in various parts of the country to the fact that they had received from the Masonic Hall, Delhi, India, books of tickets for what was described as The Delhi Masonic Club Viceroy's Cup Sweep, 1926. 85 per cent of the money subscribed was to be divided among the various horses that started, while the remaining 15 per cent was allotted for expenses and a New Masonic Temple Building Fund. Immediately the matter was brought to authoritative attention at Freemasons' Hall, a telegram was sent to the District Authorities stating that it was entirely contrary to Masonic rule that such a sweepstake should be organized, and directing that the tickets should not be circulated. The Board is strongly of opinion that the promotion of sweepstakes or lotteries for alleged Masonic objects is a practice which in no form can be allowed; and it feels assured of the support of the Craft generally in this expression of opinion."

During the first nine months of the year 1926, the total income of this Grand Lodge was £75,392 11s. 2d., made up of amounts received by the Fund of General Purposes £31,404 12s. 3d., the Fund of Benevolence £36,429 3s. 6d., and the Building Fund £7,558 15s 5d.

S. Y. T.

FLORIDA

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Florida held its Ninety-seventh Annual Communication in St. Petersburg, the Sunshine City, on April 20, 21 and 22, 1926, with M.W. Bro. Lamar G. Carter, Grand Master, presiding. The sessions were held in the Masonic Home where those attending had a splendid opportunity of observing the noble work and practical exemplification of Freemasonry.

In his address, the Grand Master congratulates the members upon the sound financial foundation of the Grand Lodge as well as the particular lodges. "We own the splendid seven story re-inforced concrete Temple building in the city of Jacksonville and this home property. We owe no man or set of men anything. We have ample funds in our treasury. Almost all of our particular lodges own their own lodge buildings and are constantly increasing in membership and interest." What an anomaly of fate that ere this Grand Body met again their state had been struck a staggering blow by the great hurricane and tidal wave.

The Masonic year was a very busy one for the Craft with ten special communications of Grand Lodge, thirteen corner stones laid and four new lodges constituted. Dispensation was refused the laying of two corner stones, in one case the walls had been completed above the ground floor except at the corner, and in the other the stone was not to be placed in the north-east corner.

A ruling by the Grand Master that it is absolutely essential and necessary that the corner stone of a building be placed in the north-east corner, to be laid with Masonic ceremonies, was rightly not concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence. In our modern day of complex urban life how few lodges even qualify by facing due east and west? Is not the whole idea symbolical? Why then insist upon a corner stone being laid on the corner back in the lane?

The appointment of Bro. N. A. Stumpe, of Palatka, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Florida, is reported.

Perhaps the feature of Florida being a winter resort may account for the large number of fifteen dispensations granted to confer degrees short of time, among which was one for "Dazzy Vance."

In jurisdictions where it is customary to ballot upon a candidate's advancement as well as his acceptance, there seems to be an endless series of difficulties for the Grand Master to iron out arising from sometimes petty objections being raised after the candidate has been elected. M.W. Bro. Carter reported to Grand Lodge, "I have received many questions and objections to our regulations governing objections after a candidate is elected to receive the degrees." The committee on Jurisprudence recommended and Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to the constitution giving the lodges the right to hear any objections, consider them and if deemed sufficient the Master's order shall arrest progress and the candidate becomes rejected. Does it not seem that much of this difficulty arises from lack of diligence on the part of character committees or from sheer indifference on the part of the membership as to their obligation at the time of the electing ballot, to "ballot for the good of the Craft"?

Florida received during the year 358 requests for courtesy degrees covering from one to three degrees while in turn they made only 46 such requests. Perhaps this also is part of the price paid for being a winter resort, but the practice is becoming all too prevalent in many jurisdictions. Is not the fundamental idea of Freemasonry, service? Of what service to the Craft can a person be who proceeds to "travel" before he has had an opportunity to learn the first principles of the Craft? Does it not appear that such a one's desire is to make Masonry a means for his own ends?

A unique feature of the communication was the presence of Past Grand Master Marcus Endel for the fiftieth consecutive occasion at Grand Lodge and the forty-eighth year as a member of the Committee on Work. The Grand Master paid the following tribute—"This is a record which no other Mason in Florida can claim, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, no other state can boast. This Grand Lodge, the individual Masons of Florida, and our particular lodges are greatly indebted to this good brother for the many long years of faithful service rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction." Alberta congratulates Brother Endel. Such a profitable servant shall surely "enter into the joy of the Lord."

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was granted to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Panama.

Florida like many other jurisdictions is aroused to the necessity of carrying on an educational campaign among the brethren to induce them to study Masonic literature and become familiar with the history and symbolism of our Order. The Grand Master said that Florida was particularly fortunate in numbering among its membership some

of the outstanding educationists in the State. In dealing with the matter of Education, Grand Lodge decided to continue membership in the Masonic Service Association, to appoint a director to prosecute a vigorous program of education, and appropriated \$1,000.00 to defray his expenses.

The Grand Orator delivered a splendid oration on one of the fundamentals of Masonry, the relation of God to man and man to the Divine plan. One regrets that space does not permit to print it verbatim.

Membership, 27,398. Gain, 1,527.

Grand Master, Cary B. Fish, Sarasota, Fla.

V. H. M.

GEORGIA

The One hundred and fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was opened by M.W. Bro. Wm. S. Richardson, Grand Master, in the city of Macon, on October 26th, 1926.

When the roll was called two distinguished sons of Georgia Masonry, Past Grand Master James W. Taylor and Senior Grand Warden R.W. Robt. L. Cox, failed to respond to their names, they having been summoned from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above since the last communication. Fitting and eloquent tribute was paid their memory.

From the Grand Master's decisions we excerpt the following:

1. There is nothing in the Code preventing Masons from attending Divine worship in regalia or in a body; in fact, such a practice should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

2. The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association assessment or any other indebtedness of a member to the lodge, may be treated by the lodge in like manner as for non-payment of dues, and any brother two or three years in arrears may be, by resolution, suspended, except in cases of inability to pay, provided the indebtedness is in accordance with Section 405 of the Code. The reviewer believes that however desirable it may be to place assessments upon the same basis as lodge dues, yet the principle is not founded upon sound Masonic law nor as one reads does he find it commonly practised. in other jurisdictions.

A dispensation was rightfully refused for the laying of a church corner stone on the Sabbath. Are we not the masonic descendants of the skilled operative masons who were ever charged to respect and observe the Mosaic law?

During the year a penny box fund was inaugurated for the purpose of establishing trade training departments in the Orphanage, it yielding rather a creditable sum which would not otherwise have been raised.

A request to the Grand Master by a subordinate lodge that he "take steps to bring pressure to bear upon the Italian Government to stop persecution of brother Masons in Italy" was properly refused. He reported to Grand Lodge as follows: "The Grand Lodge of Georgia is not in fraternal relations with any of the Italian Grand Bodies, recognition having been denied them on account of the prominent part they take in politics, and also religious affairs. While we sympathize deeply with the Masons of Italy, at the same time their condition can be taken as an example of what might result to Georgia Freemasonry should they indulge in political affairs."

From the Board of Relief during the year 108 cases of aged and indigent Masons and their widows were assisted to the extent of \$11,-294.70, of which the lodges contributed as their share \$3,951.10. The Committee recommended that in future the lodges share on a fifty-fifty basis. In Alberta this basis is followed and proves very satisfactory indeed as the lodges realize that judicious care must be exercised in recommending cases for assistance.

The Orphanage took care of 187 boys and girls during the year at an apparent cost of \$58,503.57.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances dealt with 52 cases for expulsion and suspension after trial and 27 cases for restoration following expulsion. Is it not quite apparent that most of the work of such committees would be avoided and the litter of Masonic wreckage considerably lessened if lodge portals were better guarded?

A feature of the session was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Grand Lodge office building in the presence of some 400 Masons.

Grand Master, A. G. Miller.

Membership 68,890. Lodges, 641.

V. H. M.

IDAHO

Fifty-ninth Annual Communication held at Boise, September 14th to 16th, 1926.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Will H. Gibson, Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master remarks:

"To bring men to a full realization of their obligations to themselves and toward their fellows is a prime purpose for the existence of the Masonic institution. No institution can solicit or long retain the active support of thinking men unless it have a forward-looking, constructive, energizing program worthy of the best thought of the age. Such ideals Masonry has always adhered to, and just so long as we hold aloft its banner and maintain its principle and precepts unsullied, just so long will Masonry continue to be a mighty power for good among men."

We note that Idaho conforms to the practice of a blanket fidelity bond for Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries.

Speaking of District Deputies and their work, the Grand Master says: "Their work has proven beyond doubt the wisdom of the District Deputy Plan, which is now accepted as an indispensable part of our organization."

An increase from 55c to 75c per capita for Grand Lodge purposes was recommended and later approved.

The formation of a National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association, sponsored by the Jurisdictions of the Southern States, is receiving earnest consideration in many of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and Idaho, among the rest, has expressed her willingness to do her part in this important work.

Relations with the Order of the Eastern Star are apparently most cordial in this Jurisdiction.

A question, answered categorically by the Grand Master, is analogous to similar questions we have heard propounded here.

"Should the petition of an applicant, after having been received by a lodge and committee on character appointed, be returned to the applicant, when it is shown that the applicant is afflicted with a probably incurable case of Bright's disease, a reputable doctor's certificate having been filed with the lodge?"

Answer: "You are justified in returning such petitioner's application without further action by the lodge."

Here is another question and answer of pertinent interest:

"Should a constituent lodge of this jurisdiction sponsor a Chapter of the Order of de Molay?"

Answer: "Paragraph 139 at page 65 of the Code and Digest provides: No lodge shall stand sponsor for, or in any way assume control or responsibility for any other organization whatever. Answer must be NO." (The emphatic NO is his.) (We heartily concur.)

No new charters were issued during the year but one lodge is working under Dispensation.

"The Commission of Trial seems to be meeting the test of experience and grows in favor as time passes."

From the Oration of the Grand Orator, we cull the following pointed paragraphs:

"We hear a great deal in regard to the antagonistic forces which perhaps menace our government and our free institutions. I do not think that we need be greatly concerned about the perpetuation of our representative form of government—of government by the people and in some form or other supposedly for the benefit of all."

"... it does not seem to me that it is always the man who either is in the front rank of the parade on some big holiday or stands in the front rank of those who view the parade as it goes by, and is the first to doff his hat to the flag and give the outward manifestations of patriotism, that is himself and within his heart the truest patriot. We should not take unto ourselves too much credit, nor be too quick to point to ourselves as those who alone appreciate the fact that we are citizens."

Speaking of the present striving after Masonic Education, Idaho's Committee reports:

"Up to the present time, however, the entire matter is largely in the experimental stage. No one seems to have found either the plan or the subject matter that completely satisfies. Most all efforts have yielded beneficial results, but the field is large, the need is great, and many are in search of a more effective method."

And again: "Very often lodges lag, lose in attendance and interest, fall into factionalism and ill-feeling, or else die of dry rot because they have no definite aim, no purpose, no program. Active and forward-looking leadership is another prime necessity. No organization will die when it has a purpose for existence and wise leadership. It is only after its mission is filled that it dies."

"Men will not eat sour bread when they have better food. No Mason worth mentioning will dwell on the meaner phases of life if surrounded by wholesome lodge activity and the higher questions of intellectual and moral improvement. Let us try to supply the proper lodge activity; let us furnish the program. Let us encourage the right kind of leadership. Then possibly attendance will be better. . . ."

"We would recommend more lodge activity, more social life; more instruction in the fundamental principles of Masonic living."

A Committee on Conciliation is a new feature suggested to deal with complaints which unless handled promptly and with expert ex-

perience might lead to disruption, Masonic charges and worse. We think the proposal an excellent one.

A brief review of Foreign Correspondence closes the volume and Alberta receives a fair share of the space.

Henry P. Glindeman, Coeur d'Alene, Grand Master.

Curtis F. Pike, Boise, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

ILLINOIS

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois opened its 87th annual meeting in the city of Chicago on Tuesday, the 12th day of October A.D. 1926, Richard C. Davenport, M.W. Grand Master, presiding.

Prior to the opening the Grand Lodge was entertained in a delightful manner by the Boys' and Girls' Band and Boys' and Girls' Chorus of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Oxford Quartette, Chicago, also gave a very pleasing program.

Bro. Owen Scott, Grand Secretary, presided over a very impressive Memorial Service for Bro. Arthur E. Wood, Past Grand Master, who passed away February 8th, 1926.

Bro. Scott spoke of the ideals and sterling character of Bro. Wood. In concluding he said:

"His circle of friends was bounded only by his acquaintance. He believed to have a friend, he must be one. The spirit of the following was characteristic of his career:

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
For it means much more to a sorrowing heart
Than shelter or bread or wine:
For shelter is gone when the night is over,
And bread lasts only a day.
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Live on, in the soul, always!"

The Grand Master reported the death of five officers.

There were present at the communication, twenty-two Grand officers, ten Past Grand Masters, forty-one Representatives of other Grand Lodges, one hundred District Deputy Grand Masters, sixty-one Members of Committees, one thousand six hundred and eighty-five Representatives of lodges, a total of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight

Number of lodges represented, 928. 65 lodges were not represented.

The Grand Master was much pleased with the Grand Masters' Conference which was held, by his invitation, in Chicago, on November 17th, 1925. Twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The topics discussed were of general interest and it was fully understood that the discussions and the resolutions adopted were of an advisory character only. It is likely to be an annual gathering as all realized it would be of great benefit towards bringing about a better understanding of the interjurisdictional problems.

The Grand Master finds that the Grand Lodges are still considerably short of their contributions of one dollar per capita to the George

Washington Masonic National Memorial and urges a renewed effort to reach 100 per cent.

Under the head of Fraternal Visits, he mentions the visit of the Grand Master of Missouri to his home lodge and a return visit he made to George Washington Lodge, No. 9, at St. Louis, Missouri. He also, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, visited the annual meeting of the Lodge of Indiana.

Under Decisions, the Grand Master ruled that when a lodge enters upon balloting on different petitions for initiation, that the lodge should not be called "at ease," until the order of business has been completed. The Committee on Jurisprudence, while admitting that the ruling is a wise one, thought circumstances may arise that may make it advisable or even necessary to call the lodge "at ease." That, while agreeing with the Grand Master in his construction of the law in its general application, yet if exercised wisely and discreetly, Masters on special occasions might call the lodge "at ease" between ballots on the Master announcing that balloting would be resumed as soon as the gavel sounds in the East. We feel that, sometimes, laws may be interpreted too strictly. Laws are made for man, not man for laws.

The next decision by the Grand Master is a most interesting one—

A candidate petitioned for initiation in an Illinois lodge. His petition was accepted, but before receiving his first degree he moved to the State of Texas. Six years later he petitioned a lodge in Texas. The Illinois Code gives perpetual jurisdiction to a lodge over its members and unfinished work. The Grand Master held that, having elected the petitioner, the lodge had perpetual jurisdiction. The Code provided that where a candidate is rejected the lodge retains jurisdiction for five years.

The Committee on Jurisprudence upholds the ruling of the Grand Master. Their report says:

"Some States have always claimed perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, or over their own unfinished work. Some States have no such law and will receive petitions from candidates who have been rejected in other States, and elect them and confer the degrees upon such candidates, notwithstanding such rejection in another State." They further say that an effort was made to harmonize the law with several States and so limit the jurisdiction on rejected material to five years. As the committee point out, the case under discussion is not that of a rejected candidate, but must be classed as unfinished work and that the ruling of the Grand Master is right according to their law.

Vermont had a case where a rejected candidate had removed from the State and a year after petitioned the Vermont lodge again. The Grand Master held that no waiver was required from the jurisdiction where the petitioner was now living. The Committee on Jurisprudence disagreed with this ruling and held that as soon as a rejected candidate left the State that Grand Lodge had no further jurisdiction over him. This latter ruling seems to us the better. The case in Illinois is somewhat different, as it is classed as unfinished work. We are, however, of the opinion that the ruling of the Vermont is the wiser to adopt as there is then no likelihood of causing friction, if not serious trouble, between Grand Jurisdictions.

The question of physical disability is ever coming up. A good man who has met with the misfortune to lose a foot or a hand, petitions for initiation. Should he be rejected? Many jurisdictions have settled

the matter by ruling that such petitioner, if he can conform to the necessary ceremonies, is eligible, even with artificial help. Illinois seems to be somewhat stricter. The Grand Master deposed the Master and arrested the charter of a lodge, because they accepted a candidate who, in the words of the Grand Master, "had lost the right leg below the knee and that he wore an artificial foot." We presume that the artificial foot replaced the lost leg. The committee on Jurisprudence upheld the ruling, but recommended that the charter be restored as the lodge had been sufficiently punished. They also mention another case where the candidate "had lost a portion of his left hand from an inch back of the third joint of the thumb." Now we don't know where the third joint is, not being very well versed in physiology, but we presume about the whole of the thumb must be gone. As there was no evidence that the Master or members of the lodge noticed the defect, the Grand Master did not suspend the Master or arrest the charter. Now there is no doubt whatever, that these two candidates would have been accepted in jurisdictions that have established the test we have given above.

These rulings are different from those of the Grand Master of Missouri. He ruled that a man with his right arm missing was eligible if by an artificial appliance he could conform to the necessary ceremonies.

He also ruled that a man who lost the thumb of his right hand was eligible.

The Grand Master brought to the attention of Grand Lodge an appeal for help, by the Grand Master of New Mexico, for the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report at the present session. This committee was appointed, but asked for further time to make enquiries, which was agreed to.

The Grand Master thoroughly squelched a scheme by which the United Masonic Temple Corporation was to raise money. The plan was to put on a series of three concerts and every purchaser of a ticket for these was to get a house lot in Gardendale, Florida. We have heard much of the high price of Florida lots; but this is sure getting one for a song.

The Committee on Jurisprudence highly commends the Grand Master for his action in this matter; according to their report, the Corporation is a purely commercial undertaking. In our opinion Commerce and Masonry don't mix very well.

Steps were taken to redistribute the lodges in the different districts having in view their accessibility by hard roads rather than railroads. During the year 15 new lodges were constituted, 13 were instituted, 16 cornerstones were laid, 9 being for new Masonic Temples, and 12 dedications of new Masonic Temples, most of this work being done by the Grand Master personally.

That the work of the Grand Master was appreciated is shown by the opening words of the Committee on the Grand Master's Annual Report.

"Your committee has carefully reviewed the Grand Master's report teeming with faithful performance of official and constitutional duties and we congratulate this Grand Lodge on the splendid, dignified and successful manner he has conducted the many complex affairs of his administration which is now drawing to a close."

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Iowa were visitors and when introduced to Grand Lodge made suitable replies. R.W. Bro. Charles S. Denien, Grand Orator, delivered the annual oration.

The Committee on Legislation approved the voting chart as prepared by the Grand Master, which will very materially assist lodges in conducting their business. Other jurisdictions would do well to prepare a similar chart. It recites the subject matter, the code number, how taken (ballot, paper ballot or show of hands), required majority (two-thirds, unanimous, etc.).

Brief reports are given of the Illinois Masonic Home. There is a beautiful picture in the proceedings showing the different buildings of the Masonic Home.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, P.G.M., and is a masterly resume of the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed.

The Alberta Proceedings of 1925 are very generously dealt with.

We hope some day to meet Bro. Beach. We would be delighted to have him come to Alberta and can promise him a real western welcome. We will not allow any differences of opinion, as to whether petitioner should or should not be a citizen, to interfere in the slightest. Better come and see us.

Bro. David D. King was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Owen Scott, P.G.M., was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Ninth Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana opened in Grand Lodge Hall in the Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis on Tuesday, May 25th, 1926.

In a foreword the Grand Secretary tells us that for an hour in the Grand Lodge auditorium, before the formal opening the representatives, visitors and friends of the Grand Lodge enjoyed a musical program given by a mixed orchestra composed of girls and boys from the Indiana Masonic Home, and reading of original poem by Brother William Herchell and also that "during this opening meet Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Past Worthy Grand Matron and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Indiana, and Representative of the Order of the Eastern Star on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home presented a beautiful floral square and compass in token of her appreciation of the friendship and co-operation of the Grand Lodge with the Order she represents. Grand Master Frankhouser accepted the emblem in words of praise and commendation for the O.E.S. and particularly for the giver "Aunt Nettie" whom he re-christened "Mother."

At the formal opening of Grand Lodge there were present representatives from 542 of the 555 chartered lodges and every living Past Grand Master with one exception and that exception was one who had been suspended. Truly a record.

The first act of Grand Lodge was a roll call of representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions and 53 responded.

Alberta is favored by having as our representative Bro. William H. Swintz, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master Frankhouser is that of a doer and does not attempt the flight of oratory that we often find in such addresses.

Two past Grand Masters of Indiana Grand Lodge passed over to join the great majority. The Grand Master very feelingly referred to the great loss the Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of these brethren and later on in the proceedings we find their portraits and a beautiful tribute to their work and character, which a special committee of Grand Lodge presented.

During the year the Grand Master laid the corner stone of one church, three public school buildings and four Masonic Temples. He also dedicated nine new Masonic Temples. There are several cuts of temples inserted throughout the printed proceedings.

Fifteen new lodge rooms were inspected and are now in use.

Dispensations were granted to several lodges in this jurisdiction to visit and confer degrees in other lodges and several in other grand jurisdictions visited this.

This fraternal visiting seems to us to be exceedingly pleasant and desirable. We are so apt to get into a rut and nothing broadens a lodge so much as to visit another lodge or receive a visit.

One lodge was constituted and two new ones instituted.

Among the list of visits made by the Grand Master was one to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Not only in this, but in other Grand Jurisdictions, there seems to be a growing intimacy between our order and that of the Eastern Star. Will it lead to union? We wonder! What may happen in 50 or 100 years we cannot tell, but there is a decided flirtation between the two Orders in some jurisdictions and sometimes flirtations become serious and lead to the Altar. Then again we must take into account the past. There is not a trade, calling or profession the ladies have not invaded. Why there is hardly a barber shop left in the country. They are now beauty parlors. In nearly every civilized country in the world they have the franchise. Even in conservative Old England they tried to restrict the vote to Mature Matrons, but are now extending the franchise to the "dear young things" of twenty-one.

Out of the Eastern Star may come an Emmeline Pankhurst or Carrie Nation. Can we withstand the united assaults of the ladies? Ask any married man how he got along the morning after he was late getting home from a lodge (?) meeting. There is perhaps something in the story of the man who, when he found he had to be tried by a jury of women, told the court that he wanted to plead guilty. I, he said, have been for the last twenty years trying to fool one woman, how, then, can you expect me to fool twelve in an hour or two?

What the Grand Master calls one of the outstanding Masonic events of the year was given by Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398, Indianapolis, on April 19th, 1926, when the second section of the M.M. Degree was conferred by Past Grand Masters and the present Grand Officers. Sixteen Past Grand Masters took part.

For the occasion a souvenir program was prepared and around the border was printed the picture of all the living Past Grand Masters.

A special page in the proceedings gives us this living border and in describing it the Grand Secretary (it is signed W. H. S.) starts out with these words, "Beautiful Souvenir programs" etc. We presume that it is the border that adds the "beauty" part. Well we must confess that it is very seldom we have seen a collection of twenty-two pictures which show up better. We don't intend to flatter, but truth

compels us to say that they look to be a pretty genial and intelligent bunch. Down in Indiana they must grow some good-looking men or their photographers are far advanced in their art. We think then Brother Swintz is not far astray in using the word "Beautiful."

In dealing with the request of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association for aid and co-operation the Ways and Means committee considered it with caution. They felt that the cause was an excellent one, but before contributing decided a committee should be appointed to fully examine the whole problem and report at the next communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master attended the meeting at Chicago of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada in September, 1925.

He states that nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada were represented and the meeting was most successful. The papers read and discussions which followed proved extremely interesting. "It is doing a wonderful work and deserves the encouragement and support of organized Freemasonry."

The question of permitting aliens to petition for admission to a lodge was raised by a resolution submitted to the Grand Master recommending that with certain restrictions such be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

This committee reported that "There is nothing in the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Indiana that requires a petitioner for the degrees to be a citizen of the United States, or that if an alien he shall declare his intention to become so."

There are some Jurisdictions that require citizenship in their country before the petitioner can apply. We are of the opinion, and have so expressed it before, that requiring citizenship comes very near to, if it does not actually infringe on the Ancient Landmarks of our Order.

The Grand Master reports a number of lodges in the same city undertook to raffle an automobile. He promptly stopped the proceedings and all money was returned to the ticket holders. He says:

"I call attention to the matter so that other lodges in the future may take notice and refrain from such immoral, undignified and illegal practices."

The Grand Master gives a record of fifteen decisions. Most of these are only of local interest.

He ruled that any Master Mason may conduct the funeral service after the lodge has been regularly opened.

That "Lodge Room" includes every room used by the lodge for Masonic purposes.

That the minutes of a meeting should be read, confirmed and signed by the Master and Secretary at the next regular meeting. This is, we think, the usual practice.

Under the head of "Trials" the Grand Master states that his predecessor in office had suspended the charter of a lodge after the failure in two trials to convict a member, who had been convicted in the Federal Court for fraudulent use of the mails and forgery. After the suspension the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had recommended that the charter of the lodge be returned for 60 days and, if after trial the Grand Master is satisfied that adequate punishment had been administered, he should restore the charter.

The lodge complied with the conditions imposed: tried, convicted and expelled the member and was restored to full fellowship. In this case it seems to us that "Justitia" is peeking from behind her hoodwink.

In two other cases quoted, the Grand Master states he set aside the verdict of not guilty and ordered a new trial. In both cases the second trial resulted in a verdict of guilty.

We think that trial by commission is much to be preferred to that by the lodge.

The Grand Master issues a warning to guard well the portals of our order. "The character and efficiency of our order," he says, "is determined by the character and efficiency of the individual Master Mason. Therefore, a petition for our degrees should not be accepted from any man unless he is a moral, upright man, and a loyal law-abiding citizen.

"The only danger we need apprehend will be from within and not from without our Order. The assaults of our traditional enemies we can view with monumental calm, but we will do well to carefully guard our gates. Duty, honor and gratitude require each of us to preserve the good name of the Fraternity unsullied. This must be our constant care. We can best serve by example rather than by precept."

Indiana is very proud of its Masonic Home and has every reason to feel so. At the time the Board of Directors made their report there were in the home, 99 men and 60 women. The average age is over 80. Then there are 97 boys and 85 girls.

The Home represents a monetary value of one and a half million dollars. All paid for. Beside this it has an endowment fund of nearly \$220,000.00 and a bequest of \$40,000.00 pending, which will be added to this fund. It has been only fifteen years since the buildings were started. The report is to us the most interesting reading in the whole proceedings.

The Annual Masonic Review is written by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, P.G.M., and shows a most careful study of the different proceedings.

Alberta's proceedings for 1925 is carefully reviewed.

William C. Geake was elected M.W. Grand Master.

William H. Swintz, P.G.M., was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

IOWA

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held on Tuesday, June 8, at Des Moines. M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Wellington, Grand Master, presided.

An address of welcome was extended to the Grand Lodge by Mayor Fred Hunter of the city of Des Moines and was responded to by Deputy Grand Master Earl Peters, in which the relationship between Masonic principles and responsible citizenship was discussed in a very helpful manner. We quote:

"The ideals for which Masonry stands today are not a new departure, but it has advocated these same principles from the time we have any authentic record of its workings. Because of these high principles and objects it not only has survived the centuries, but as it has gone down the corridor of time it has increased in strength and

in usefulness until today it is outstanding in its efforts to make not only its own members, but all other citizens of this Republic, better and more useful members of society. Its membership is not taken from any one class of persons, but comprises men from all walks and stations in life, and its usefulness extends over many lines of activities. Not the least important of these activities is its endeavors to secure a more loyal, a more enthusiastic, and a more patriotic citizenship."

Amongst the distinguished visitors were the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, M.W. Bro. W. W. Martin, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Frank R. Jesse; also the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, M.W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, sixteen Past Grand Wardens and nine Past Grand Treasurers.

The Grand Master's address occupies thirty-three pages in the printed report of the proceedings, most of which is devoted to giving a statement of his activities through the year as Grand Master and his report on many of the principal matters of interest to the Craft in his jurisdiction. Among the interesting matters referred to in his address, I wish to refer to only a few.

Under the heading of Rules or Decisions, the Grand Master in his preface to them says:

"I am of the opinion that Worshipful Masters should be encouraged to consult with the Grand Master upon all important matters both of law and of policy. It is much easier for the Grand Master to direct them aright in the first place than to extricate their affairs after errors have been made. It has been a great pleasure to me to explain the provisions of our law to all who have made inquiry."

I quote three of these rulings:

"A Mason's widow re-marries. Later she is divorced. Is she entitled to relief as the widow of a Master Mason? Held, that her status as a widow of a Mason was destroyed when she re-married, and it was not revived by the divorce. She was therefore not entitled to assistance."

"A member of a lodge objects to the installation of one of the officers. Held, that a bare objection not supported by charges or notice of intention to bring charges is not a bar to installation."

"A lodge gave assistance to one of its members residing in a neighboring state, but did not authorize payment of the mortuary expenses. Funeral arrangements were made by the widow who received some life insurance. When the widow failed to pay the account the lodge was requested to pay it. Held, that the lodge was not liable."

Referring to the subject of a general Grand Lodge, the Grand Master spends a page in setting out his views on this subject and asking very many very pertinent and difficult questions which appear to be involved in this matter.

Referring to the work of the lodges, we find the following important statement:

"The Grand Jurisdiction that neglects the requirements of ritualistic proficiency will soon see the spirit of brotherhood die. Our Custodians are to be congratulated upon the increase of interest in the ritual which may be seen everywhere."

We reproduce here the Grand Master's quotation from the annual address of Judge Hutchinson, on the subject of "The Ballot":

"'I have discovered that there is but one cure, and that is a genuine application of a practical old-fashioned class meeting in every lodge where it breaks out.' The abuse of the ballot on petitions is usually the result of dissension in the lodge. I have often been asked if something cannot be done to prevent the abuse of the ballot. My reply has invariably been that the secrecy and the freedom of the ballot must be maintained. The free, secret ballot is our only defense against undesirable petitioners. Every member must be given the privilege to vote as he desires. There must be no compulsion. There must be no attempt to ascertain the nature of any member's ballot.

"But there is a cure for the abuse of the ballot. Every officer and every member must cultivate the spirit of brotherly love, peace and harmony. Masonry is founded upon these virtues. When the members of a lodge permit differences of opinion to come within the lodge room—whether those differences relate to religion, politics, business, evolution, the Einstein theory of relativity, or some external organization—just so sure will peace and harmony depart, and without these virtues Masonry becomes as 'sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.' There is no place in a Masonic lodge for dissension. Only those subjects upon which all good men may agree should be brought within our walls."

Under the title of "Charity" the Grand Master discusses the various activities of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in affording relief to those members of the Craft in the jurisdiction requiring the same. The following describes clearly the plan adopted in dealing with the problem of relief:

"We call our system the 'Iowa Plan,' but other states are finding it expedient to adopt this system. It is a system of 'allowances,' or 'annuities.' The needy person is granted an allowance. He continues to live among relatives and friends. He is not taken away to die of homesickness amid strange surroundings. He is not restricted by the rules which are necessary in any institution. The public does not know that he is dependent. By the assistance of this system many a widow has been enabled to maintain a home for her orphan children, many an aged and infirm brother has ended his days in comfort amid familiar scenes and surrounded by beloved relatives and friends."

This is the same system as is used by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master concludes his address with the following quotation:

"'Let us seek to understand the antiquity, extent and magnitude of this institution founded upon the brotherhood of man. Long before the advent of Christianity the mountains of Judea and the plains of Syria, the deserts of India and the Valley of the Nile were cheered by its presence and enlivened by its song. More than a thousand years before the coming of the Son of Man a little company of cunning workmen from Tyre were assembled on Mount Moriah at the call of the wise King of Israel. Later it burst upon the dark ages and produced those monuments of genius—the cathedrals. After the year 1717 we find it no longer operative. Now it is moral and benevolent.

"'It came to our shores at an auspicious period, and it was here rocked in the cradle of Liberty by a Washington, a Franklin, a Hancock. It still stands like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil, and its broad limbs spread in bold outline against the sky; and in generations yet to come, as in the ages past, the sunlight of reason and renown will delight to linger and play amid its branches.'"

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. Chas. C. Hunt, are in his usual thorough and interesting manner,

particularly the report on the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. This Grand Lodge has one of the finest Masonic Libraries in the world, and the Grand Librarian finds it necessary to adopt the latest library practice, keeping up with the growth of the library and in making it of use not only to the Craft of Iowa, but beyond the borders of that State. With this report should be read also the report of Bro. L. A. Larson, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library, wherein the policy and opportunities for usefulness of this library are clearly explained to Grand Lodge.

The report of the Masonic Service Committee, presented by Bro. J. W. Gannaway, gave a very comprehensive statement of the work done under this committee and indicates very clearly that Masons of Iowa are availing themselves of every opportunity for extending their educational work through study clubs, fellowship tours, publication of addresses and brochures and other means of disseminating Masonic knowledge and learning.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges shows the condition of Masonry in the State of Iowa as being healthy from the standpoint of numerical growth, lodge organization, financial conditions and lodge and fraternal activities.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by M.W. Bro. Louis Block and embraces 225 pages of printed matter. According to his custom the report is introduced by a foreword entitled, "Two Masonic Essentials." This foreword is one of the most interesting things in the entire report and is in Bro. Block's best vein. In these days when we hear so much mention made of the lodges being degree-conferring machines, the following appreciation of the ritual of Masonry is somewhat refreshing and encouraging:

"And what a wonderful message the ritual has for the Mason when once he grasps its meaning!

"It proclaims with a voice whose power stirs the very soul that a man should be valued not for what he **has**, but for what he **is**; that no brother of the mystic tie—much less the loved ones he leaves behind—shall ever suffer for want of food, shelter, or clothing, for friendly sympathy, or from inability to face the battle of life armed by the strong and sure sword of an education; that a man should share what he has with the bereft brother who has not, never knowing how soon he, himself, may become that same bereft and distressed brother; it proclaims the doctrine of the universal and world-wide Sonship of Man under the divine Fatherhood of God, that doctrine of a human brotherhood that overleaps the barriers of creed, of color, of race, and of blood, and 'conciliates true friendship among men that might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance'; a teaching that persists in presenting as a principle the truth that the Great Architect is forever and always a **Creator**, and never a **Destroyer**, that in all His vast universe there is no death, but only 'Life following life forever'—a faith in His goodness, so comprehensive, so complete, so staunch and so steadfast that it regards as evriest sacrilege the simplest subggestion that He would tolerate any such thing as death; that what we call death is after all only the door through which we escape from the prison of the body into that Summerland, where lies the 'Father's house' of 'many mansions,' and over all, and in it all, and through it all, an insistent and everlasting emphasis on the spiritual over the material, that irradiates and illumines it, even as does the May sun the mists of morning, with a freshness, a brightness, a divine refulgence that bends the knee, bows the head, and makes one thank God for His own great gift of Being!

"All these are hidden away in our great Masonic ritual, waiting for each Mason to discover and possess them for his very own, provided only he will but take the two great steps without the taking of which he can never find them at all, which are, **first, to know his ritual, and, second, to come to know what it means.**"

Alberta is appreciatively and generously reviewed, receiving nearly six pages in the report. The entire report is simply a mine of Masonic lore, tradition and information.

There are few such blocks in the Masonic structure as the Fraternal Correspondent of Iowa.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Milton Belt.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Charles C. Hunt.

Total membership, 86,140. Net gain, 433.

F. S. S.

IRELAND

The Stated Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Dublin on St. John's Day, December 27, 1926. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Grand Master.

In the introductory remarks of his annual address, the Grand Master makes fitting reference to the loss of R.W. Bro. Oliver Fry, a zealous worker in the Craft for many years, and also to the retirement of Bro. Frost, who was Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for thirty-three years.

He directed the attention of the brethren to that portion of the Report of the Grand Secretary referring to Masonic emblems for business purposes, which reads as follows:

"Members of the Craft are strictly forbidden to use the fact of their membership as a means of promoting business or of securing private advantage. They are forbidden to use any of the emblems of Freemasonry on a sign or in any other way on business premises, business correspondence paper, or in connection with any business advertisement. A Masonic Certificate must not be displayed or allowed to be displayed on business premises. Any breach of this ruling will be considered as un-masonic conduct, and may be dealt with as provided by G. L. Law 34.

"This ruling is not intended to apply to the sale of Masonic articles in Masonic circles or to advertising them in Masonic papers."

The following decision as to the power of a non-subscribing member to make a charge against a subscribing member, will be of interest to our readers:

"A charge of fraud and violation of his O.B. having been made by a non-subscribing brother against a subscribing member, viz., That he had insisted on relying on false statements made by his counsel before a Civil Court in connection with a dispute as to lands, the Board in the first instance considered the question as to whether a brother who had ceased to be a subscribing member of the Order was entitled to bring a charge against another brother, and ruled that inasmuch as every Mason who had taken the O.B. of the Third Degree is bound by it so long as he lives, whether he continues to subscribe or not, or even if he is suspended or expelled from the Order, non-subscription does not debar a brother from charging another

brother with violation of that O.B. towards himself. It was therefore decided to receive the complaint. The Board then considered the question as to whether that complaint disclosed a prima facie case, and whether it was of such a nature that it could be heard and determined by a Masonic Tribunal, and came unanimously to the following conclusion: That in accordance with Grand Lodge Law 34, para. 3, no prima facie case for a hearing by Grand Lodge has been made, inasmuch as the complaint has reference to an action already brought and decided in the Civil Courts. It is, and has always been, entirely contrary to Masonic practice to allow decisions of the Civil Courts to be made the subject of further dispute between brethren before either Grand Lodge or any of its Boards or Committees—such decisions must be accepted as final and cannot even be reviewed by any Masonic Tribunal. To do so would be contrary to all Masonic teaching and doctrine as handed down from time immemorial through the Ancient Charges and Laws and Constitutions and would amount to a subversion of our Ancient Landmarks. The Committee therefore find that the charges brought forward are not such as can be heard or investigated by any Masonic Tribunal."

The following extract from the Grand Secretary's Report will also be of interest to our readers:

"Interest in the work of the Grand Lodge of Instruction has continued and a fairly good average attendance maintained. A very encouraging assembly greeted the W. Master and Brethren of Lodge 418, Belfast, who came up for the meeting of the 11th November, and gave an exposition of our Ritual in close conformity with the teaching and practice of the Grand Lodge of Instruction. It is suggested that it would be to the advantage of the Order generally if the opportunities offered by the Grand Lodge of Instruction were utilized to a greater extent by some lodges whose working leaves much to be desired, and less reliance placed by them on the individual teaching of uncertified brethren.

"The working exhibited by the illustrating lodges has been generally of a high class; but there is reason to fear that the general average working is not up to that standard. Lodges wishing to improve their working might make more use than they do of the services of the members of the Grand Lodge of Instruction who are prepared to give such assistance when requested to do so.

"A number of candidates for certificates as Provincial Instructors have been examined during the year, and it is satisfactory to note that a considerable proportion of those so examined have been found well equipped for the duties of the important office.

"It is much to be desired that in each Province there should be a sufficient staff of so certified instructors."

The Annual Proceedings of this Grand Lodge contains a report from each of the Grand Masters of the Provincial Grand Lodges. R.W. Bro. A. F. Sharman Crawford, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, writes:

"In October, the Lodge of Research, No. CC., visited Cork, and held a Stated meeting in the city, which was well attended by many of the local brethren and resulted in several new names being proposed for membership. There should be many old Minute Books in the Province which contain matters of great interest not only to the Lodge of Research but to the whole Craft, which would give some indication of the procedure adopted by the brethren in the eighteenth century. Any

steps the Lodge of Research might take to bring before the brethren in general judiciously chosen extracts from these old records, should prove beneficial to the Order."

R. W. Bro. Sir Charles Barrington, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster, writes:

"I am very pleased to be able to report that in this Province the high standard of last year has been maintained, and that the conditions in the various districts in which we labor still continue to improve.

"Our brethren in Ennis have been able to secure new premises and by the aid of a grant from the Grand Master's Restoration Fund have been enabled to equip and furnish them, and this Lodge though it has not yet attained its normal strength is growing steadily.

"There is little of general interest to report about the other Lodges.

"In the City of Limerick they have been able to repair the damage caused during the recent troubles out of their own funds, and all the lodges are flourishing."

R. W. Bro. C. J. Schnauer, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, writes:

"During the past year steady progress has been maintained in the four lodges in this Province. No. 348, I am pleased to report, has enjoyed a very pleasant and harmonious year. After 84 years' existence it has purchased a site for a lodge room and it is expected about a year hence the brethren will be meeting in their own premises. This old lodge pioneered Freemasonry in this Province in which there are now about 270 lodges under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, 41 lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, 11 lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and 4 lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Since the year 1896, when recognition was granted no new warrants could be issued except by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand which was then granted Sovereign rights in this Province."

The brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction continued to take an active interest in their three Masonic Benevolent Institutions. In addition to a number of bequests received during the year, subscriptions were received as follows:

To the Masonic Female Orphan School £4,369. 5s. 6d.

To the Masonic Orphan Boys' School £4,943. 18s. 8d.

To the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund £3,565. 3s. 10d.

There are now 105 pupils on the roll of the Female Orphan School, and 102 pupils on the roll of the Orphan Boys' School.

S. Y. T.

KANSAS

Seventieth Annual Communication held at Topeka, Kansas, February 24th and 25th, 1926. In the East M. W. Bro. Charles A. Loucks, Grand Master.

After the ceremonial of opening and invocation the Grand Representatives were introduced, Alberta being represented by Wor. Bro. Paul M. Martin.

The Grand Master's Address is a particularly well written summary of his work. As is usual it covers much that is of prime interest only

to his own jurisdiction. Again he touches on matters of perennial flavor but here and there his comments are of interest to all craftsmen as a few quotations from his able address will show:

"There is no office in our entire system that affords a greater opportunity for being of genuine service to the Craft than that of District Deputy Grand Master. May I enjoin upon the brethren who will fill these important offices during the coming year a careful study of the laws, that they may be better enabled to counsel with and advise lodges."

In counselling against using the Masonic association in entertainments of one kind or another depending on public support, he says:

"It is my firm conviction that a fraternity of the antiquity and worth of ours will best serve communities, the state, the world, by refraining from the association with any enterprises, however excellent these may be, other than such as may properly be related to it and which, by association, will further commend Masonry to people everywhere."

The work of Investigating Committees calls for caustic comment:

"The increasing number of trials suggests that the neglect upon the part of investigating committees may be working a serious injury to the institution of Masonry. So many men are knocking at the door of Masonry that it behooves every lodge to exercise the utmost caution in admitting new members, and this can only be accomplished through efficient service on the part of investigating committees. Members of this most important committee should first make careful investigation as to jurisdiction, and to do this they must know the law. They should make it their business to know from personal observation whether the candidate is physically qualified. They should then make diligent inquiry as to his character and habits and should satisfy themselves as to his fitness for Masonic honors."

"A Mason's obligation to the Fraternity demands that when appointed to a committee he shall exercise the utmost diligence in ascertaining the facts, status, or merits of the subject, matter or thing so referred. And whenever a member of a committee wilfully fails to properly perform such duty, he is guilty of an offence against the body of Masonry, and is subject to discipline."

A truly delightful part of the Proceedings of Kansas is an oration by Bro. Charles C. Dunlap, Professor of English Literature at the University of Kansas. Taking as his theme the opportunities Craft Masonry displays and offers to the individual Mason in methods of self-instruction mentally and spiritually, he develops an oration in stirring language which must have had salutary effect on his hearers. Space forbids more than a single quotation but that is possibly the keynote of the address:

"... Masonry would urge its adherents to make the most of this interesting world by learning its resources that we may add to the joy of living, and gain the unqualified pleasure which comes from knowing the best which has been said and done in the world. Masonry would have its followers to be men of enlightenment, who take advantage of the wonderful resources of modern times for the expansion and dissemination of knowledge. This is Masonry's grand ideal. If we fall short of attainment, the blame is ours. . . ."

"Masonry becomes valuable only when it is translated into human terms. . . ."

"We are the living representatives of a theory."

A feature of the District Meetings in Kansas is the delivery of an address prepared by some competent brother on instruction from the Grand Master and delivered by the District Deputies first at the District Meetings and later in the lodges. The Lecture in the current report is "Symbols and Symbolism," prepared by W. Bro. Robert P. McCulloch, and covers in very able fashion the underlying principles of Masonic symbolism and an exhortation to the study of specific symbols.

The report is replete with statistical and general information and concludes with a summary of correspondence in which the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta receive very generous and friendly review.

John W. Neilson, Concordia, Grand Master.

Alberta K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

KENTUCKY

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication held at Louisville, Kentucky, October 19th to 21st, 1926. In the East, M.W. Bro. G. Allison Holland, Grand Master.

The outstanding topic in the Grand Master's address, which opens the report, is his comment on the work done towards raising the money for and the building of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Homes. Kentucky has almost completed the very ambitious project of raising a million dollars for the building of these homes. It was done by levy on each lodge on a per capita basis, the lodge being responsible for the assessment. The effect has been that most of the lodges have met the quota, but a number have surrendered their charters or have voluntarily relinquished them on the ground that they could not meet an assessment of \$20.00 per capita even when spread over some years. Naturally, as it appears, the lodges dropping out are the "weak sisters," and Grand Master Holland's address so states in no uncertain fashion, but we cannot help thinking that there have been some lodges forced to "bite off more than they could comfortably chew" and failing to chew have been choked into oblivion. But the plan adopted and re-adopted by Grand Lodge has worked, and if hardship has been worked on a small minority, the vast majority of Masons in Kentucky have accomplished a surpassing feat, the results of which will live long after the present generation has passed to the "undiscovered country."

In the matter of the ownership of the property of defunct lodges, he recommends, "that in order that the future may be cared for properly, the Charters granted to new Lodges state that the ownership and control of all personal and real property shall vest in the Grand Lodge."

A conference of Grand Masters is reported in the address, dealing with the appearance of a clandestine body known as "The Regional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania" fostered apparently by the Grand Orient of France. The result of the conference was a firm refusal to recognize the spurious body in any way whatever and a call to other Grand Lodges to declare the body clandestine.

On the question of unmasonic conduct the following ruling is important: "I advised that a man sent to the penitentiary was automatically suspended from his lodge and a notation should have been made on the minutes of the lodge."

Regarding balloting he rules: "A ballot taken collectively on candidates is absolutely void . . ."

Fraternal recognition is given the following Grand Bodies: The Grand Lodges of France, Egypt, Roumania, Turkey, Vienna, Czechoslovakia and Italy, the Grand Orient of Greece and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The membership of each subordinate lodge is listed by name and in conjunction with the usual statistical tables makes the report a handsome and voluminous document.

An exceptionally well written review of "Foreign Correspondence" completes the volume and Alberta receives a generous allowance of the space allotted.

C. S. Rankins, Newport, Grand Master.

Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

LOUISIANA

One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication, February 1, 2 and 3, 1926, New Orleans.

Haney B. Conner, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

417 Lodges. 35,905 Members. Gain, 408.

Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a lengthy document, comprising nearly one hundred pages, and contains a very detailed statement of his acts during his year of office. It would appear to us that the parts relating to the contents of documents, such as letters, might with profit be omitted as detracting or obscuring the spiritual content in which its readers are more interested. Seventy-four dispensations were granted, and ten refused. One of these latter was for a "Masonic Wedding" to be performed while the Lodge was at refreshment. We can understand even a Mason losing his mental balance slightly at the prospect of getting married, but not to that extent.

In view of the fact that the Grand Master had to place on record eighty-eight decisions it is not surprising to find that the Committee on Jurisprudence cannot agree with all of them. Solomons, from the standpoint of wisdom, are rare in these times.

The matter of Masonic discipline has given the Grand Master considerable anxiety during his term of office, as indeed it should, when one reads the long list of cases coming within his purview. The record is a sorry one, at least in our view, and one that calls for vigorous action by our brethren of Louisiana.

We sympathize with the Grand Master in his regret that religion has been practically banished from the public schools, and that no redress for this situation is yet in sight.

The oration by Bro. Robert H. Harper, Grand Orator, is a noteworthy one, and we should like to quote freely from it if space permitted. Its abstractness makes it appeal to Masons in every jurisdiction.

The Report of over eight hundred pages is concluded by a splendid review of Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta is sympathetically noticed.

C. V. B.

MAINE

The 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in the Masonic Temple in the city of Portland on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1926, David E. Moulton, M.W. Grand Master, presiding. Besides the Grand officers there were present 225 delegates representing 185 of the 206 chartered lodges, 6 of the 9 living Past Grand Masters, 33 out of 42 permanent members of Grand Lodge and 44 out of 55 representatives of other Grand Lodges.

R.W. Bro. James Vroom, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

The Grand Master of Maine usually holds office for two years. A third term seems to be unpopular in the United States. This is Grand Master Moulton's second year in office.

His annual address is concise and business-like and considerably shorter than that of the previous year.

Under the heading of condition of the Fraternity he gives us the information that the total memberships is 43,485, a net gain of 504 for the year, and that suspensions were considerably less than the preceding year, being 288 as against 409. We fully agree with him when he says:—

"Our Brethren, except in cases of misfortune, are expected not only to care for themselves, but to contribute to the support of the lodge and to the relief of the distressed. If they are unwilling to perform those Masonic duties, they are liabilities and not assets to the fraternity."

We are at a loss to understand why there are so many suspensions for non-payment of dues. It cannot be because the dues are too heavy. A cent or two a day covers these. It must be carelessness or lack of interest. We are often inclined to blame the Master or Secretary of the lodge.

Well, perhaps some blame rests on their shoulders, but a lot rests on our own. If we will help the officers of our lodge make the meetings more interesting, very many of the delinquents will come back. A little effort in reminding the slackers of meetings and a special invitation will often help.

The Grand Lodge can help also. A high percentage of attendance will mean a very low percentage of suspensions. You never will find that a regular attendant is suspended.

We very much doubt if 25 per cent of the members of the lodge are regular attendants. How is it that some Service Clubs brag of an attendance of 90 per cent or more at their weekly meetings? Probably many of these are masons who seldom attend their lodge meetings.

It seems a serious question when in Alberta the loss of members for N.P.D. for the year 1924 was nearly half the number of the initiates. For year 1925 the loss was not quite so great, being a little less than 40 per cent. In Maine the percentage is less. In 1925 a little over 25 per cent, while in 1926 it is a little under 20 per cent. We have not looked up other jurisdictions but feel sure that the suspensions for N.P.D. will equal about 20 to 25 per cent the number initiated.

This is a serious question. Suspensions and the attendance at lodge meetings should receive very careful and thoughtful consideration of both the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge.

It was to us a somewhat surprising statement which the Grand Master made when speaking of the National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association, which is organized to help sufferers from tuberculosis who go to the South Western dry climate states, when he says "It has been estimated that 16 per cent. of these unfortunates ask for assistance within a week after their arrival, one-third within a month, one-half within three months and 90 per cent within one year."

The Committee on Finance recommended that the sum of four hundred dollars be voted for this purpose and this recommendation was adopted.

On the recommendation of the same Committee the Grand Lodge voted to join the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. We fully agree with the Grand Master in what he says about the conferring degrees by courtesy. He recommends that such requests be not granted unless the candidate has received the Entered Apprentice degree in his own lodge and suggests that a regulation be passed to control the matter. The committee on amendments to the constitution recommended such a regulation and same was adopted.

We have found in our jurisdiction a great deal of good to come out of District Conventions. Grand Master Moulton speaks in his address of his visit to the Convention of the 21st Masonic District and expresses the wish that such might be held in all districts.

It only requires a little extra effort on the part of the District Deputies to arrange such and it gives an opportunity for the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers to meet the members of the subordinate lodges. In jurisdictions having a large number of subordinate lodges it is impossible for the Grand Master to visit them individually, but in the District Meetings he can come in contact with many of the rank and file. It is practically impossible for Grand Master Moulton to visit the 206 subordinate lodges; but it is easily possible to visit 26 District Meetings. He suggests that the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens take the matter up and in conjunction with the District Deputy Grand Masters make all arrangements.

The suggestion is a good one. We have always felt that some of the work that usually falls on the shoulders of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary should be turned over to the Deputy Grand Master. He would be a much better Grand Master by having some work to do, should he be elected to that office.

The Grand Master reports that while many questions had been asked and answered he made no decisions.

He reports the financial condition of Grand Lodge to be much better. Some two years ago the Grand Lodge found that its expenses exceeded its income. The per capita tax was increased so that now the deficit had been wiped out and this year \$8,000.00 could be transferred to the Charity fund. This transfer was recommended by the Committee on Finance and adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in his address drew attention to certain parts of the floor work in the third degree. He says, "Certainly as the work is performed in many of our lodges, the dramatic feature completely overshadows the great lessons intended to be inculcated, and for that reason alone is fairly subject to criticism."

On this, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the recommendation was worthy of thoughtful attention and as "the custom now practised had been handed down from such a remote period we think no hasty action should be advised."

The committee was given a year to carefully investigate the matter.

In closing his address he quotes the words a Grand Master used over thirty years before:

"As you love Masonry, whatever betide, come prosperity, or come adversity, adhere with unflinching tenacity to the ancient usages of the Craft."

"Grand birthright of our sires;
Our altars and our fires
Keep we still pure."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that he had a busy year.

He has now in use a personal record card system, having on file over one hundred thousand. This will prove most valuable for reference.

No dispensations for new lodges were reported. The Grand Secretary states that petition blanks had been sent to brethren in four different localities, but none have yet been returned.

The necessity for these new lodges he says is the automobile. To quote:—

"Letters that I have received in connection with the desire for new lodges have disclosed the fact that the automobile has made a change in the attendance upon the meetings of country lodges. When the horse and sleigh were the only means of travel, brethren would drive long distances on a winter's night, sometimes over poor roads to attend a meeting of their lodge. Now, when the roads are impassable for the auto, the old horse is too slow and cannot be endured."

It seems unique that the auto, which has done so much to annihilate distance, should be the reason advanced that lodges should be closer together. Yet, as the Grand Secretary puts it, it is not only reasonable, but undoubtedly true. We would add, however, that there is another reason that the horse is not used and that is the driving horse is nearly extinct and even if we were willing to travel with a horse and rig, few people own such and there are very few to be hired.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of that master, M.W. Bro. Dr. Smith. We were delighted with his foreword, a little sermon entitled "Masonry, A Unifying Principle of Protestantism." We wish we had space to give it in full. It is well worth reading not once, but many times. We are taught to fight against intolerance, yet so many of us are intolerant when it comes to our religion.

The Alberta Proceedings of 1925 is fully reviewed. He especially commends the address of M.W. Bro. Thornton M.D. We may say that when Bro. Thornton was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Alberta was then under that jurisdiction. We feel that we honored ourselves when we made him an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

David L. Wilson was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Charles B. Davis was re-elected Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

MANITOBA

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Fort Garry Hotel at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 9, 1926. M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin, Grand Master.

Two Special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, one for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the

Neepawa Masonic Hall and the other for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. John's Cathedral. The ceremony was conducted in both instances by the M.W. the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. S. P. Matheson, P.G.M., Archbishop of Rupertsland, was present at the latter instance and assisted in the ceremony.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), was a welcome visitor at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master has the following to say with regard to the present standing of the Benevolent Fund:

"The Benevolent Fund now stands at the creditable sum of \$186,006.76. While there has been a steady growth in this fund the need will grow as years pass and we should not place a limit on our charity. Masters can render a distinct service by calling the attention of brethren of means to the opportunity of making provision in their wills for this work which ought of right to be close to every Mason's heart. During the past year the Benevolent Committee disbursed in relief the fine amount of \$10,493.70. Figures very inadequately express the value of these gifts. To the recipient the sympathy and affection which they convey are as a benediction from Heaven. Every Mason in Manitoba should desire to be a shareholder in an investment trust whose dividends are paid in the gratitude of the distressed."

From the complete and comprehensive address of the M.W. the Grand Master we take the liberty of quoting the following:

"Brethren, Masonry is a spiritual force. Today's discussions will soon be forgotten, but the influence of our association here will abide. The friendships formed, the sympathies received and given, the clear understanding obtained of the character and quality of our fellow citizens; such memories as these will refresh the soul and sweeten life through all the years to come. Such is the ministry of Freemasonry.

"A philosopher has said: 'Ignorance and bungling with love are better than wisdom and skill without. There may be courtesy, there may even be temper, and wit and talent, and sparkling conversation, there may be good-will even—and yet the humanest and divinest faculties pine for exercise. Our life without love is like coke and ashes. Men may be pure as alabaster and Parian marble, elegant as a Tuscan villa, sublime as Niagara, and yet if there is no milk mixed with their wine at their entertainments, better is the hospitality of Goths and Vandals'."

"There is a fine spirit of brotherly kindness in the Craft in Manitoba. The need is that our Masonic ideals should permeate and become a directing force in the national life. As a people we accept the benefits of democracy while refusing its obligations and sacrifices. Indifference in political life, waste and extravagance, collectively and individually, lack of reverence for sacred things, a mad lust for pleasure—these are our national ills. They can only be corrected by the application of the principle of reverence for the Deity, simplicity of living and charity towards everyone which lie at the root of the philosophy of life which forms the content of our ritual.

"The stream of Masonic influence is gathering force as it flows through our Canadian life, bearing on its broad surface the seeds of a brotherhood whose only creed is reverence for the Supreme Being, whose members are pledged to obey the moral law, are devoted to the arts of peace and bound together by the ties of affection and mutual helpfulness.

"Our Freemasonry may be likened to one of the noble rivers of this continent whose sources are to be found in those pure and high silences brooded over by the eternal purposes of the Creator. The streams from these head waters unite into a broad river flowing on through fertile plain and busy city, carrying gladness and health to all mankind and freely tendering its use to all who have need, asking only that its clear stream be not polluted, and finally, its mission accomplished, passing out into the unknown sea—the Sea of Eternity."

The value and the importance of the office of D.D.G.M. was stressed not only by the Grand Master in his annual address, but also by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. This was perhaps deemed obvious owing to the failure of two of these officials to fulfil their duties.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported that their objective during the past year had been to bring to the notice of every lodge in the jurisdiction the advantages to be gained by the constant use of the library and its subsidiary facilities for purposes of information and mutual edification. An effort was made to encourage reviews in the lodges of their Grand Lodge Proceedings and also of outstanding works on Masonic subjects, by the presentation of essays prepared by the brethren. Many requests for lecturers were received which the committee were not able to fill. In the estimated expenditure of Grand Lodge for next year, an allowance of \$1500.00 was made for library purposes.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the assessment of \$1.00 per member be appropriated to the General Fund. This was deemed necessary on account of the increased expenditure of Grand Lodge which reported a deficit of \$753.73 for the present year.

One new lodge in the City of Winnipeg received its charter during the year.

This Grand Lodge on resolution declared that the wearing of Masonic clothing in public should be strictly confined to the funeral of a brother Mason or the laying of a corner stone with the authority of the Grand Master.

Number of chartered lodges, 98. Total membership, 11,653. Net increase, 253.

S. Y. T.

MARYLAND

The Grand Lodge of Maryland held its 104th Annual Communication in the City of Baltimore, November 3, 1926. Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by the R.W. D.G.M. The Grand Master was then formally received with Grand Honors and conducted to his station. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address was brief. Almost the first thing he mentioned was that, in response to an appeal from the Grand Master of Florida for assistance for the Masonic sufferers of that storm-smitten State, he immediately sent out a call in the form of a per capita tax of two cents to all the lodges, and forwarded a cheque for \$1000.00 to the Grand Master of Florida. A ready response.

The Masonic Home project is still in abeyance. They now have \$140,000.00 on hand but the Grand Master considers they should not be hasty in this matter and wait until "They have sufficient funds on

hand to at least be certain of carrying out a modest program." This is sufficient indication of the large amount of money required to build and maintain these institutions. The Grand Master evidently realizes that if they started now, even with the munificent offers they have had of free gifts of land to build on, they could not erect and support any building that would meet the requirements of a real Masonic Home. He goes on to say this:

"The Masonic Fraternity is rich in property and we spend a great deal of money for many things, but because our present personal condition does not demand a home or help from our brethren we apparently would far rather build marble halls and monuments of stone, than to carry out the first precept of Masonry, and build our Temple in the hearts of men."

The Grand Master makes a recommendation that owing to changed conditions, documentary evidence of good standing be now demanded before admittance to their lodges. His recommendation was approved by a committee and also by Grand Lodge that such a card or receipt for dues be produced by the visitor before his examination for admittance.

At the semi-annual communication the Committee on Grievances has an interesting report, which was approved by Grand Lodge. It was on the subject of an appeal from sentence of expulsion by a lodge of a member who had wilfully exposed his own ballot. The committee very rightly upheld the lodge. They concluded that the member had a fair trial. They say: "The charge of violation of the secrecy of the ballot—even of one's own vote—is a grave Masonic offence. The secrecy of the ballot is one of our greatest safeguards and can in no wise be questioned or exposed." and after quoting authorities on the subject recommend that the appeal be dismissed. In these days we are inclined to be lenient to an extreme, almost encouraging laxity. It is not unusual to find members coming back for reinstatement after serious offences and succeeding in their appeal, when by all right-thinking men they have been justly and properly disciplined and had moreover not shown any disposition to mend their ways. I am glad to see this Grand Lodge standing solidly for compliance with its rules and regulations.

At this semi-annual communication, Grand Lodge also by resolution severed all relations between it and the Grand Orient of Belgium, being convinced that the Grand Orient does not insist on a belief in God as a prerequisite to membership or consider the presence of the Holy Bible in its lodges as an absolute essential.

The reports of the Library Committee at both semi-annual and annual communications show an activity to be commended. They have in circulation eleven travelling libraries. They have installed a series of illustrated lectures complete with printed lectures, projection lanterns and slides, which are apparently available to any lodge applying for the use of them. They have formed a plan for a Research Club to meet in the Temple at Baltimore once a month, employing the best lecturers available on Masonic subjects, and from this central club smaller and local clubs will be formed. The Committee further recommended the compilation of the History of Masonry in Maryland, or rather the bringing up to date of the history compiled forty years ago. However, Grand Lodge did not concur in this recommendation, but they did approve of the request of the Committee for an increase of \$600.00 to the regular grant of \$500.00 to carry on their library committee work.

The Grand Lecturer and his staff of assistants in the work have been busy. The Grand Lecturer has some strictures to make about

officers who neglect their work. He would have the Grand Lecturers empowered to pass on the eligibility of Senior Wardens for the office of W.M., and insist that they be examined prior to election and only those passing a satisfactory examination be eligible. Why confine it to the Senior Wardens? Anyway, it was found that such a regulation would conflict with the constitution, so it was not concurred in by Grand Lodge but referred to a committee to report on next year.

The Grand Lecturer found that this work was bearing fruit in that "All the lodges were making progress." He notes the large number of lodges building their own lodge rooms and temples and hopes it will not be long before they all have their own homes. He finds that lodges are lax in collecting dues. He would square the ledger every year and insist upon collecting or, where a brother cannot pay, remit his dues, but at any rate square the account.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the Grand Master. The Grand Representative from Egypt made the first reply followed by R.W. Bro. Sanford, P.J.G.W., Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, who gave an interesting account of his trip to England, where he visited the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire, West Riding, as well as the Annual Grand Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England at Westminster Hall in London, where he found "A large and splendid array of those from all parts of the kingdom who were not only distinguished in Masonry but in all walks of life." He was impressed by the friendship and good feeling expressed by all for their American brethren and brought messages and greetings of good will from the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. He closed his remarks by saying:

"In view of certain misleading newspaper articles I say firmly and confidently that the feeling of England toward these United States is friendly in the extreme; that the maintenance of such feeling on both sides is desired by Great Britain and that it is incumbent upon us—as a Fraternity and as citizens—to see that nothing is done to impair such regard and that our efforts should be directed to cementing those bonds of mutual respect and esteem which should ever exist between these nations."

A very good photograph of this brother adorns the proceedings.

Bro. Daniel J. Emich then replied for the other representatives.

The correspondence is conducted by Bro. Henry Branch, who presents a very complete report. Alberta receives fraternal notice, Grand Master Carruthers and M.W. Bro. Selwood, P.G.M., being quoted and mention made of the report of our Committee on Research and Education. Bro. Branch remarks in a brief foreword, "There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of education—a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is Light."

Number of lodges, 122. Total membership, 32,632.

Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp.

Grand Secretary, George Cook.

J. H. W. S. K.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the year 1926, were held on March 6, June 9, September 8 and December 8, the last being the annual Communication for the year.

M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson presided over these meetings.

Eighteen special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year on the occasions of the anniversaries of certain lodges, the dedication and laying corner-stone of certain Masonic Temples, the installation of Deputy Grand Masters, the constitution of certain lodges and one for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. J. Albert Blake.

There was also the stated Communication on December 27 in celebration of the 193rd Anniversary of the feast of St. John the Evangelist.

The Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication, giving an account of his activities as Grand Master and a review of the prudential affairs of the Craft for the quarter just ended.

The Grand Master attended sixteen of these special Communications. He made addresses at each of these Communications.

In the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1926, the address of the Grand Master is reported in full on the following occasions:

The dedication of Masonic Temple at Springfield, on February 16, 1926, the constitution of Everett C. Benton Lodge, April 20, 1926, the constitution of Hespero Lodge, April 23, 1926, the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple at Quincey, on October 21, 1926, and the constitution of Boston University Lodge, on September 9, 1926.

Each of these addresses is a real intellectual and Masonic treat and could not fail to be a source of inspiration to the brethren privileged to hear his messages. Most Worshipful Brother Simpson, through his addresses, both on stated and special occasions, has displayed wide knowledge of the principles of the Craft as well as the growth and development of the Masonic Institution. The Masons of Massachusetts are to be congratulated upon the splendid leadership they are privileged to enjoy at this time under Grand Master Simpson and Grand Secretary Hamilton. These brethren are not only zealous for the welfare of the fraternity under the jurisdiction of their Grand Lodge and of Masonry in general, but are men of learning and culture. They are among the brightest ornaments of Masonry in this day and generation. Under them it is to be expected that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Masons owing allegiance to that Grand Lodge will not only attain material success but will find their Masonic labors raised to a higher plane. It is a Masonic education in itself to read the proceedings of this Grand Lodge and particularly the addresses of M.W. Bro. Simpson and R.W. Bro. Hamilton.

I quote some interesting passages from addresses given by the Grand Master:

(a) "The genius of our institution is broader and more fundamental than that of any whose objective is institutional enterprise organized to accomplish definite objectives in the field of theology, government, charity, education, or social development. It aims to train the individual as a center of influence and support of all good enterprises for the advancement of civilization and the welfare of mankind. It aims to develop its adherents as significant and influential personalities in the social groupings in which they may happen to be; and it seeks to accomplish this result by teaching and practice of those essentially fundamental and eternal principles upon which all men must agree and which are the basis of the ultimate and universal recognition of brotherhood.

"It is essential, therefore, that, so far as possible, participation in and responsibility for all of our benevolent activities shall be a part of the common experience of every member of the fraternity."

(b) "These are the times for looking forward. We are inaugurating new programs and new policies which we believe to be designed for the welfare of traditional Masonry; but as we look forward, let us not be beguiled from the paths which our forefathers have trod. Let us not be misled by the specious arguments against tradition and adherence to the customs of the past. There is a value in tradition and there is a value in the old things, especially in Masonry, as there is a delight in old friends. As I read the proceedings of this truly grand old Grand Lodge, I find a vitality and a vigor which I would gladly see in this day.

"Let us adhere to the Landmarks, and be resolute to protect them from the blighting hand of change and indifference. Let us approach the future with confidence, but with determination that the foundations shall not be weakened. Let us guard well our doors and see that none enter therein who are not duly and truly prepared to undergo that training which shall fit them to be of significant usefulness in the advancement of civilization and the welfare of mankind.

"Masonry aims to train men, to build character, to teach love of God and of our fellow men; it aims to arouse in its adherents a passion for that which is good and true; an enthusiasm for enlightened education; a tender benevolence toward those who are in distress. It seeks to inculcate justice and to stimulate support of organized and civilized society and of orderly government. It fosters the spirit of resistance of the destructive forces of evil, in whatever guise they may appear; it encourages freedom of conscience and of mind and breathes the spirit of liberty under law."

(c) "A Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons exists for service to our fellow men, and it performs that service, if at all, in the degree in which it trains its members, not only to understand the principles upon which our Order is based, but to react to those principles in their daily contacts with the world; for it is by the influence of the trained Mason in his individual capacity, co-operating with every activity for the betterment of civilization, that our fraternity seeks to exert its benign influence."

(d) "To those who understand and appreciate the contribution which Masonic training has made to the advancement of civilization and the formation and encouragement of its basic institutions, the indifference of Masons to the structure of Masonic government can be viewed only with feelings of alarm. In it lies a source of danger not only to Masonry but to America and to the stability of free institutions everywhere."

(e) "The Worshipful Master of a Lodge is not obliged to take a ballot upon a candidate whose name appears upon the notice of the meeting. If he decides not to take action at that meeting he should so state and should not call for the report of the committee. It is not proper after the report of the committee has been read for the Master or the lodge to decide by vote or otherwise to postpone the ballot until a later meeting. If the report of the investigating committee is read, the Lodge must immediately proceed to ballot and the acceptance or rejection of the applicant must be settled without postponement or the intervention of any other business."

(f) "Each one of us is bound to consider the conditions of our Masonry throughout the jurisdiction, no part of which may suffer without injury to the whole. The ritual, government, and purposes of Masonry are the same in every part and section of our State. The rules and laws which govern the fraternity are of uniform application. Our practices and methods should likewise be uniform and not vary

with the circumstance of location or local environment. There is no place in Masonry for the principle of local option, and this and other principles applicable in a political state are false and misleading analogies."

On the occasion of the Annual Quarterly Communication, in summing up review of the condition of Masonry throughout his Jurisdiction, Grand Master Simpson concludes as follows:

"The plain truth which I report to you is that our institution is healthy and prosperous in all the things which go to make real prosperity and success.

"We in this day in Massachusetts are loyal to the traditions of the Craft; we are devoted to the ideals of Freemasonry, and we adhere to the tenets of our profession. Our officers and members are striving, in overwhelming majority, to interpret in this Grand Jurisdiction the principles of this ancient Institution which have made it one of the significant and potent influences in the world for the advancement of civilization and the welfare of the human race.

"We are obedient to law; we cheerfully obey the civil magistrate; we cheerfully and patiently submit to the decisions of the supreme legislatures and of constituted authority.

"We are zealous for justice and for the preservation of free democratic institutions; and above all we are striving to relieve distress, to increase happiness, and to restore peace to troubled hearts and minds. Be not discouraged, my brethren, because we have not yet persuaded a selfish world to the ideals of an unselfish life. We are progressing and succeeding. Our hearts are sound. Our spirits are high and our courage resolute. I can confidently report that, all things considered, our condition is satisfactory and encouraging."

On the occasion of the Stated Communication of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, addresses were delivered by several distinguished brethren but the outstanding addresses were delivered by Grand Master Simpson, by Bro. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, and by R.W. Bro. Hamilton, Grand Secretary. R.W. Bro. Hamilton's address on this occasion is one of the finest Masonic addresses it has been my privilege to hear or read and it would be to the advantage of Masons, when and where soever assembled, if they could have the privilege of hearing this address presented to them by one of the brethren. I am going to take the liberty of suggesting in some quarter that this address be read and I hope that R.W. Bro. Hamilton will have no objection to his wonderful message being presented through more humble channels.

This Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication of June, 1926, granted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Vienna, on the report of the Committee of Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges. This committee is one of the most distinguished Masonic Committees in the world.

At the quarterly meeting of September 8, 1926, the protest of the Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands with regard to certain Shrine ceremonial, was presented to this Grand Lodge and after the whole matter had been reviewed following the presentation of a report by a special committee the Grand Lodge adopted by unanimous vote the report of the committee, the concluding portion of which is as follows:

"Your committee has been at some pains to lay the whole matter before the Grand Lodge, because it involves the question of the sanctity

and inviolability of the jurisdiction of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, as against invasion by a body which, while not Masonic in the proper sense of the term, is a body of Masons.

"Your committee is unable to recommend any formal action by this Grand Lodge, except such as would be involved in the acceptance of this report and the spreading of it upon the records.

"Your committee feels that the Grand Master has given proper and dignified expression to the encouragement and sympathy which this Grand Lodge ought to extend to the Grand Master of the Philippines in his difficult task of building up a strong, active, and useful Masonic Grand Lodge amid the peculiar difficulties which prevail in this field of operation.

"It seems to us that the adoption of this report will constitute in itself an expression of the sympathy of this Grand Lodge, and we ask for its adoption with that understanding."

Statistics: Total membership 123,760. Net gain, 1,536. M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

. MINNESOTA

Seventy-third Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 20th and 21st, 1926. In the Grand East M.W. Bro. Hayden French Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was represented at the sessions by Bro. Edwin J. Simon.

The Grand Master's address covers largely the routine business of his jurisdiction and most of his comment is of local interest.

Speaking of a visit paid to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee, he says: "The cordial reception accorded to the visiting brethren from Minnesota was sufficient to convince them that, Masonically considered, the International Boundary does not exist."

Regarding a refusal to reverse a decision declining to give official sanction to lodges to sponsor the Order de Molay, he makes this comment: "Similar organizations (to Craft Masonry) may have the same high ideals, hold similar opinions in many respects, but to connect or consolidate them would create discord, trouble and disaster."

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence drew attention to the organization of clandestine lodges in Pennsylvania under the auspices of a body known as the "Regional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania" drawing its authority from the Grand Orient of France. As a result of the report and relevant data fully displayed in the proceedings, Minnesota has withdrawn recognition of the Grand Orient of France.

Regulations were adopted regarding Masonic trials which arrange for all trials before Grand Lodge Commission. One Past Master in each district is appointed annually by the Grand Master as a Trial Commissioner and he apparently arranges all details for any trial in his district. The Trial Regulations appear in full.

The following is suggested as the correct method of carrying the rods by the Deacons:

"While standing, the rod is held in a perpendicular position resting on the floor, in front of the shoulder, the hand grasping the rod and the forearm horizontal.

"While marching the rod is carried between the upper arm and the body, inclined forward to an angle of 23 and one half degrees, and the hand retaining its grasp of the rod. The rod is usually carried in the right hand but may be carried in the left hand when occasion requires."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence contains the following:

"We call particular attention to the decision of the Grand Master holding that a Master or Secretary of a lodge has no authority or right to furnish a member of such lodge with a list of its members for the purpose of soliciting insurance. Your committee heartily endorse this decision of the Grand Master and hope that any similar attempt on the part of any Mason in this jurisdiction to commercialize Freemasonry will be stifled at its inception."

The report is replete with statistical information and contains an excellent appendix of "Foreign Correspondence" in which Alberta finds generous mention.

Albert F. Pray, Minneapolis, Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

MISSISSIPPI

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi celebrated its one hundred and eighth annual Communication in the city of Meridian, on February 23 and 24, 1926.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Q. Ellis, in an able address, spoke as follows with regard to the state of the Craft in Mississippi: "My candid opinion, based on twelve months' experience, is that the real spirit of Freemasonry is truly in the ascendancy. Masons everywhere seem to be gaining a clearer vision, and making a more practical application of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Through the Masonic Service Association and other agencies our brethren are getting higher conceptions of Masonic duty. Ignorance, religious bigotry, intolerance are being taken without the gate for execution. While our growth has not been phenomenal from a numerical standpoint, Masons everywhere seem to realize that greater than our need for more men in Masonry is our need of more Masonry in men."

Speaking of his visitations, "It has been my pleasure to make something more than one hundred official visitations. The majority of these visits were to smaller lodges where I felt the greatest service could be rendered." And then he speaks of that which has left a bitter taste for many a Grand Master: "I am convinced that a Grand Master can render no greater service than that of visiting the brethren in their lodges, but candor forces the observation that more financial provision should be made for the sacrifice that it entails."

A peculiar ruling made by Brother Ellis was that a dispensation is not necessary to permanently change lodge quarters from one building to another within the town or city designated in the charter. Where such change is anticipated, regular resolutions authorizing the change should be handled at stated communications." (Should not Grand Lodge retain the right to say whether quarters are proper and suitable for Masonic purposes?)

Of loans to subordinate lodges he says: "As a member of the governing board of the Home Endowment fund, I declined to recommend the lending of money to lodges. It would be impossible to comply with all requests, and regulations or limitations adopted would inevitably be subject to charges of discrimination. A few cases in the past have shown this practice to be very unsatisfactory."

Dispensations to ballot out of time were refused in all instances as the reasons given did not appear to constitute sufficient emergency. Except during war time, reasons never are sufficient in the opinion of the reviewer, for one must remember that Freemasonry does not invite anyone to become a member and whosoever comes does so of his own free will and accord.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi maintains two Homes, Meridian caring for 118 girls, and Columbus 69 boys, at a per capita cost of \$259.37 in the former and \$265.09 in the latter. In order to more fully acquaint the brethren with the good work being carried on in these institutions, the recommendation of the Grand Master was adopted to designate as "Masonic Home Day" the Communication coinciding with the night of election of officers, the occasion to be observed by addresses on the activities of the institutions.

Apparently the Grand Lecturer disapproves of loose-leaf minute books, for he reports to Grand Lodge that no lodges are using them. That means hand-written minutes with the usual untidiness that goes with such. Surely modern loose-leaf devices are adequate to ensure perfect records when handled with the intelligence which of necessity the lodge secretary must possess.

The Law Committee ruled as follows:

1. An examination of Statutes, Rules and Regulations discloses no ruling regarding a lodge holding for its benefit and advertising as being held under its auspices a minstrel show, but the Committee is of the opinion that a show under the auspices of a lodge violates the principles and practices of Masonry. (In reality does it not depend on the show and not on the principle?)

2. Lodge funds can be appropriated as members see proper for any special purpose or to any person in their discretion; but donations made for the purpose of giving a degree gratuitously is a violation of the Masonic law.

3. A lodge cannot make any assessment upon its members except for dues as provided in its by-laws.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we note that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is in a very sound financial position with endowment securities amounting to \$249,523.00 invested to yield a return of 6 and 6-10 per cent, and cash in hand of \$117,007.19 out of which the expenses of the two Homes are met. Mississippi is spending approximately \$60,000.00 per annum for relief and benevolent purposes.

In order to more adequately carry on the work of Masonic education and the work of the Masonic Service Association, Grand Lodge

agreed to raise their per capita levy by 25 cents per year, making that tax now as follows:

Masonic Home Maintenance Fund.....	\$1.00
Grand Lodge General Fund.....	1.00
George Washington Memorial Fund.....	.25
	\$2.25

Membership 35,500. Gain, 792. Lodges, 388.

V. H. M.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Commuication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri convened at St. Louis on Tuesday, October 26th, 1926. Bro. Wm. A. Martin, M.W. Grand Master, presiding.

Among the distinguished visitors received was the Grand Master of York Grand Lodge of Mexico, M.W. Marcus A. Loevy.

The Grand Master in his annual address reports the lowest net gain in membership in fifteen years. He says: "The right of an institution to live is not measured by numbers but by the good it does."

It is quality that counts not numbers.

He reports the death of two Past Grand Masters and also that of two District Deputy Grand Masters.

He attended, with the Grand Secretary, the Grand Masters' Conference held in Chicago in November, 1925. He suggests that as this Conference is likely to be an annual affair that the Deputy Grand Master be also included in the delegation.

He also attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, at Chicago, the next day. This jurisdiction withdrew from this association the previous year.

He recommends that Missouri do not rejoin. The special committee which was appointed last year, the Grand Master being one of that committee, reported that the recommendation of the Grand Master be concurred in and this report was adopted.

The Grand Master is very enthusiastic over the work the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association is doing and their plan to build a hospital in the State of New Mexico to care for tubercular patients who seek that climate.

He makes four recommendations to the Grand Lodge:

1st—Representation on the Board.

2nd—Gift of \$75,000.00 whenever enough has been subscribed to build a hospital unit or whenever \$500,000.00 has been pledged.

3rd—That when the cornerstone is laid voluntary gifts be asked of members up to one dollar each.

4th—That when the hospital is completed fifteen cents per member be donated each year for maintenance.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address recommended that, in this matter a special committee be appointed to investigate and report at the next Annual Communication.

What the Grand Master calls "the most beautiful Masonic Temple in the World" has been built by the Masons of the city of St. Louis at a cost of over four million dollars. This Temple was dedicated by very elaborate ceremonies during the Grand Lodge meeting.

We congratulate the St. Louis Masons on the completion of so great and important an undertaking.

Judging from the cut of the building, which is in the Proceedings, we feel that the Grand Master is not extravagant in his praise.

The offices of the Grand Secretary are to be removed to the new building and provision was made to furnish them.

In speaking of their Masonic Home the Grand Master says: "The Masonic Home is the greatest single reason for our existence."

A new hospital was added during the past year. On August 31st, 1926, there were in the institution 120 men, 107 women, 54 boys and 73 girls, a total of 354.

The Home has an endowment fund amounting to nearly \$600,000.00. Among the visits mentioned by the Grand Master is that he attended meetings of the Shrine and of the Scottish Rite of the Valley of St. Louis and also that he had the honor of addressing the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star at its fifty-second annual session held at Kansas City.

Now, we don't suppose that there is any particular objection to a Grand Master in his address saying that he attended all the meetings of the Shrine or that he felt honored in addressing the O.E.S., but why mention these any more than that he went to church every Sunday or that he attended a levee given by the Governor?

The Grand Master in his address gives a list of eleven decisions.

He ruled that the placing of a square and compass on the radiator of an automobile was not forbidden by the laws of Grand Lodge, so long as it is not used for commercial purposes.

That it was mandatory that all lodges use the uniform receipts furnished by the Grand Secretary.

That an entered apprentice, against whom charges had been laid and sustained before he was passed to the second degree, was not entitled to have returned to him any part of the fee he paid for the three degrees.

He ruled that a candidate who had lost his right arm, but who had an artificial appliance which enabled him to conform to the necessary ceremonies, was eligible, also one who lost the thumb of his right hand.

That a member who had given a cheque and received an official receipt, the cheque having been returned marked "no account," could be suspended for non-payment of dues.

We think in this case the member should be proceeded against for unmasonic conduct. Our law in Canada makes the giving of a cheque on a bank where he has no account a crime. He received the receipt under false pretences.

The last ruling was where a petition was rejected and it was afterwards found that the lodge had no jurisdiction to receive the petition. His decision was that the lodge had no right to strike from its records what it had done. The petitioner could, however, petition the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, at any time, if he so wished, but he should refer to the mistake in his petition and that he had been rejected.

All of these decisions were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

This Grand Lodge after the late war undertook the maintenance of several orphan children in France and have each year not only expended money for their advancement, but have had a committee to supervise and agents in France to look after their welfare.

This good work is now drawing to a close. Each year some of the children reach the age where they can earn their own living. This year the committee asks for \$250.00—\$50.00 less than last year. There are now 18 children receiving aid.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is most interesting. He has had this position for 20 years and thoroughly knows his work.

He finds the most common complaint among the lodges is the lack of attendance. This and the suspension for non-payment of dues are the greatest evils that the lodges must contend against. These evils can be overcome and by the same remedy.

If the Master and officers of the lodges will exert themselves to make the meetings more interesting, there is no doubt but what the attendance will improve. It is the non-attendant at lodge that is suspended for N.P.D. It is serious when nearly 50 per cent of the gain by initiation is lost by such suspensions.

Missouri has a Masonic Service Association of its own. Last year this committee compiled and distributed a copy to each newly made Master Mason of a brief pamphlet entitled "Freemasonry. What It Is."

Number of lodges 662. During the year two lodges consolidated and one new lodge was chartered so that there was neither gain nor loss.

Total membership, 113,214. Net gain for the year, 1,310.

The Report on Correspondence is written by R.W. Bro. Arthur Mather, the Grand Chaplain, who reviews seventy-one Grand Jurisdictions.

The greetings from M.W. Bro. Woods, P.G.M., the Grand Correspondent Emeritus, is addressed to "My Brethren of Every Degree and Station." It is as follows:

"I have been a Freemason for nearly three-score years. I am now in my eighty-ninth year, my observations and experience impress me more and more with the fact that Freemasonry is the most complete system of moral philosophy known to man—needing only one addition to make it divinely perfect—that of accepting the Galilean, the Man of the Garden and of the Cross, as the Son of God our Redeemer and Friend.

"'Peace be with you'."

We wish our good brother many years yet to send us greetings. We fully appreciate the good words he gives us.

Bro. Mather in his Masonic Statistics gives much information. He gives what he calls a ten year comparison in the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. During these ten years lodges had increased a little over 10 per cent while the membership had nearly doubled.

The 1925 Alberta Proceedings are reviewed. The writer is still in doubt as to whether to feel complimented over what the reviewer says of him. He says: "Large quotations are given from Grand Master McIntyre's address, more than three-fourths of the entire review being given over to these."

We have looked over the review and for actual word for word quotation we think we have been very modest. What we do admit, and no doubt what Bro. Mather intends, is that three-fourths of the review is based on the Grand Master's address.

That seems to us quite natural as the whole proceedings to a great extent is centered on that address. He tells us what has taken place in the craft during the past year and makes recommendation for the future. We feel we have no apologies to offer.

John Pickard was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Frank R. Jesse, P.G.M., was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

NEBRASKA

Sixty-ninth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1926. In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. John Wright, Grand Master.

After the customary ceremonies of opening and invocation and the formal introduction of Past Grand Masters a presentation of a basket of fifty golden roses was made to M.W. Bro. George H. Thummel, celebrating the golden jubilee anniversary of his installation as Grand Master in 1876. The exalted office of Grand Master of Masons is the award of few men in a lifetime and the honor of recognition of fifty years of faithful service comes to very, very few indeed. Congratulations and best wishes for your diamond jubilee celebration, M.W. Bro. Thummel.

The address of M.W. Bro. Wright, Grand Master, is replete in catalogue and comment. Among other things he marks, as many have done before him, the amount of work unnecessarily placed upon the Grand Master in answering questions to which unequivocal answers can be found in the Code of Constitution. Constant dropping will wear away a stone and mayhap the continual criticisms on the point by Grand Masters will induce Masters to study the law as part of their qualification for the exalted chair in the East.

The appointment of Grand Lodge Commissions to try cases of unmasonic conduct is recommended and approved. A recommendation that arrangements be made for Lodge Secretaries to attend sessions of Grand Lodge was not approved. We agree with M.W. Bro. Wright "that the Secretary is one of the most permanent officers of the lodge, is frequently called upon for information and advice, and is generally the mainstay of the Worshipful Master." We think, however, that an association of secretaries meeting in groups at the District Meetings would admirably meet the purpose M.W. Bro. Wright suggests.

From time to time we hear of cases of dissatisfaction in the use of the ballot. In mentioning the subject M.W. Bro. Wright makes these sage remarks: "Undue interest in the election or rejection of candidates only serves to incite greater activity on the part of any brother who is not living up to his obligation." "I am firmly convinced that the unanimous ballot and the right of objection should never be changed." "It is the one thing that has, through the years past, been the cause of the continued confidence of the brethren in one another and to change it would be to weaken the organization."

With all of which we heartily agree.

Most lodges require fidelity bonds from secretaries, and Nebraska, we note, does the bonding in blanket fashion through Grand Lodge at a considerable reduction in premiums.

As evidence that many deep-thinking Masons are examining the place of Craft Masonry in the sun the following significant comments are taken from an address by W. Bro. C. Frank Reavis, Grand Orator before Grand Lodge at its evening session:

"I cannot accept the conclusion that we have justified our existence as an order by a service restricted to membership. The potentialities of Masonry with its selected personnel, with its far-flung line stretching across the civilized world, are incalculable if utilized to fine capacity."

"I do not judge success by accomplishment but rather by contrasting accomplishment with possibility."

"Generally speaking, there is a lodge of Masons in every community in this land of ours. Its personnel is the highest. We meet

at frequent intervals in the closest relationship, locally as well as nationally. Why should we not adopt some plan by which the Masonic organizations could contribute greatly to the state . . . by being one of the means through which a better understanding may come to contending groups and sections."

" . . . if the electorate could be even reasonably informed as to actual conditions, to which end I should like to see Masonry contribute, the sound hearts and the clear heads in America would find justifiable remedies and apply them. This thing I believe and presume to suggest as one of the responsibilities our tremendous power places upon us."

Masonry in Nebraska moves steadily forward and the current proceedings modestly relate that progress.

The volume closes with a review of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions in which, unfortunately, Alberta does not find a place.

Edwin D. Crites, Chadron, Grand Master.

Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

NEVADA

Sixty-second Annual Communication, June 10 and 11, at Reno.

Clarence L. Young, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary.

23 Lodges. 2,721 Members. Gain, 34.

"America" was sung immediately after the Grand Lodge was opened, and the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory" was escorted to the altar, while the national anthem was sung.

On the afternoon of June 10th the craftsmen marched to Powning Park, where they laid the corner stone of the Nevada State Historical and Exposition Building with all due ceremony: An eloquent address was delivered by Bro. Edward A. Ducker, Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Grand Master said, in part:

"Behold, the scythe of Time has gathered one more year within the fold; and while so doing, each, and every one of us, has travelled nearer to that 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller ever returns'."

"We extend heartfelt and sincere thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings and comforts we have enjoyed during the past year, and also humbly ask for His guidance during our deliberations while here assembled."

He recommended that Nevada retain its membership in the Masonic Service Association, and also join the great national movement to help, aid and assist the brethren and their families who had the misfortune to be afflicted with tuberculosis, which is now being undertaken by the National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association of New Mexico. This latter recommendation, however, was not adopted. Three other recommendations also failed to find favor with the brethren of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master found in nearly all instances during his visitations peace and harmony prevailing among the workmen. The small gain in membership indicated that the standard of Masonry was

being kept high. The need for Masonic education was stressed, as well as the education of the youth of the land. The need of taking a firm stand for law and order was emphasized.

An amendment to the Code outlining more specifically the requisites for the laying of corner stones by the Fraternity was passed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the work of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, and their report makes very interesting reading. Alberta is given sympathetic notice, although the Committee think that our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, with one hundred and fifty-nine dispensations to his credit (?), is the Lord High Dispensator of Masonry. It is a record that will be hard to beat.

C. V. B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held at Freemasons' Hall in the city of Saint John on August 26, 1926. M.W. Bro. George D. Ellis, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Ellis in his annual address refers to the loss sustained by Grand Lodge through the death of M.W. Bro. Thos. Walker, B.A., M.D., who occupied the distinguished office of Grand Master for seven years. Bro. Walker was born in Hampton, N.B., March 20, 1840. He was a descendant on the paternal side from Elizabeth Yates, a sister of the famous Penderell Brothers, who were instrumental in saving the life of King Charles II. after the Battle of Worcester, for which they received from the King a pension, to be paid to their heirs for ever. Bro. Walker was in receipt of that pension, which was passed on to his eldest son. At the request of Mrs. Walker, and the members of her family, the Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, accepted the portrait of the late Past Grand Master, Thomas Walker.

The question of the admission of a candidate with physical defect to Freemasonry was fully discussed by the Grand Master. He recommended that in future this matter be left to the members of the lodge to whom the application is made, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

Fifteen applications for aid were received by the Board of General Purposes and grants were made to the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Grand Master suggested an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary and subsequently Grand Lodge voted an increase of \$200.00 to R.W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt, the esteemed brother who has so faithfully discharged the duties of this office for thirty years.

A grant of \$500.00 was placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to meet the expenses of visiting the private lodges and of imparting instruction in the ritual.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Fredericton on Sunday, October 24, 1926, for the purpose of attending public worship at Christ Church Cathedral. V.W. Bro. C. Gordon Lawrence, Grand Chaplain, preached an able sermon from the significant text, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" and was accorded the earnest thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 43. Total Membership, 5,989. Net increase, 28.

S. Y. T.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord commencing on Wednesday, May 19th, 1926. Seventy-five of the eighty lodges on the roll were represented.

Three Past Grand Masters and four Past District Deputy Grand Masters died during the year.

A severe loss. The Grand Master paid tribute to their worth and good work that each had done for the good of the Order.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports the laying of the corner stone of a new temple in the city of Manchester. He also dedicated a new temple at Farmington and a new lodge room for Bezaleel Lodge in Hanover.

The Grand Master attended the 100th Anniversary of Aurora Lodge, No. 43, of Hennicker, and the 50th Anniversary of Harris Lodge, No. 91, of Warner. He also attended District Lodges of Instruction in four districts where in each the three degrees were exemplified. The meetings were well attended and proved most beneficial to all.

New Hampshire stands very high in contribution to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. It has a standing now of 186 per cent and steps were taken to make it 200 per cent. That is \$2.00 per capita. It has also a Masonic Home and has just completed two additions at a cost of nearly \$100,000.00.

These additions double the capacity. Besides being clear of debt the home has an endowment of nearly \$80,000.00.

When it comes to giving, there are few jurisdictions that can show a better record.

Several lodges seek to amend their by-laws by increasing the yearly dues and several are asking increase in the fees for initiation.

Request for recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Vienna and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. This Committee reported that the documents in their possession were not sufficient to act upon and recommended waiting until additional evidence had been submitted.

The Committee on Returns reported: Number lodges on roll, 80, all of which made their annual returns. Total members, 15,275. Net gain for the year, 169.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The committee is to report next year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the inimitable pen of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney. It is what we would expect from that veteran reviewer. He states that this is his twentieth annual and successive report. We hope he will be spared to write many more. His report of Alberta is both pointed and pithy. We looked up in the dictionary the meaning of the word "pithy" and one of the meanings there is "forcible." That is the meaning we intend and no other.

He rather takes exception to our use of the word "breezy" in speaking of his last report.

He says: "Our own report of that year is called 'breezy.' We prefer that very much, rather than to be looked upon as a whirlwind."

Now, I can assure the learned reviewer that we had no thought whatever of "whirlwind" or a "tornado" or a "cyclone" or anything of a like nature. We had more in mind the kind that is mentioned in Bishop Heber's hymn:

"What though the **spicy breezes**
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle."

The rest of the verse is not appropriate so will not dare to quote it. We therefore do not hesitate to add another adjective, "spicy." Perhaps we have taken some liberty with the meaning intended by Bishop Heber, but we are somewhat driven to it.

Bela Kingman was re-elected M.W. Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., was re-elected R.W. Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in the city of Trenton, on the 21st and 22nd days of April, 1926. M.W. Bro. Ralph E. Lum, Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters and fifty-three Grand Representatives of foreign jurisdictions were present, Alberta being represented by W. Bro. Samuel S. Treadwell. This Grand Lodge was favored with an unusually large attendance of distinguished visitors, which included M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, P.G.M. from Massachusetts, M.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash, Grand Master, accompanied by two Past Grand Masters from Connecticut; M.W. Bro. Howard Knight, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wm. W. Willson, of North Carolina; and lastly Grand Master M.W. Bro. James P. Pierce of Delaware, accompanied by thirteen Grand Lodge officers. M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, was also received as a distinguished visitor.

The opening day of this communication of the Grand Lodge coincided with the forty-ninth birthday of the Grand Master, who received many congratulatory messages and remembrances.

The Grand Master's address made a very great impression, not only on the brethren of Connecticut, but on the distinguished brethren of other jurisdictions. Those portions which were not dealing with statistical matters or the details of the activities of the Grand Master, were of an inspiring nature and evidently the product of a scholarly mind and a sympathetic heart. The Grand Master reported that the year then closing had been one of peace and prosperity and states that the extensive growth of the Craft in New Jersey, both in number of members and in new lodges, which had been so noticeable for some years past, had continued unabated. I quote from his reference to those who have been called to the celestial lodge above:

"We should not permit any selfish sense of grief, however, or any personal desire to have held our brothers to this mundane sphere, to predominate. The conventional attitude of the world at large in facing so-called death should never be indulged in by those to whom the lessons of Masonry convey a real meaning. The body does perish and mingle with the dust. Its dissolution and disintegration is as orderly, logical

and lawful a process as its upbuilding and its growth. But that which makes man survive that event, and life which informs, invests and is not of the temporal, endures from everlasting to everlasting. This very ancient, very significant and all-important lesson as taught by our ritual, our symbolism and our lectures, is true or false. If true, we should govern ourselves accordingly; and if false, disassemble at once as a finality Masonically."

In discussing the foreign relations, the Grand Master emphasizes the amicable relations which existed with other jurisdictions with the exception of the Grand Orient of Haiti. As a result of developments in that jurisdiction during the past few years, he recommended that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to the Grand Orient of Haiti, granted in 1921, be withdrawn. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge. I quote further from this part of his address:

"Peace and harmony are, indeed, the particular strength and support of our great Institution. We have at times been more proficient in our teaching than in our practising of this transcendent truth. Questions of jurisdiction and Grand Lodge sovereignty rest with each Grand Lodge for itself alone and must so remain, but the genius of Masonry is its universality and the fundamental principle of brotherhood is all-inclusive. . . . The internal mechanism, the management of its own affairs, the policies, rituals and full government of each sovereign Grand Lodge, may well be left severely alone by each other Grand Lodge. The spirit of Masonry, however, its universal fundamental teaching of the spirit of sincere true Brotherhood as the active cementing force and power on this earth is all-inclusive, all-pervading and all-powerful."

In discussing the matter of physical defects the Grand Master pointed out that even under the broadened interpretation now in force in New Jersey, it is still necessary that an applicant should be able literally to comply with the Ancient Craft requirements, and says:

"Every doubt should be resolved in favor of the Craft. Each case must be dealt with separately. If the Worshipful Master is then in real doubt, the matter must, of course, under our present regulations, be referred to the Grand Master. I strongly urge that this be done always in writing. . . . The passing of an applicant by the Grand Master is merely a permissive act, and the right to make members remains with the subordinate lodges."

The conclusion of the Grand Master's address is one of the finest perorations which the reviewer has been privileged to read and undoubtedly merits the very high encomiums passed upon it both by the distinguished visitors and members of his own Grand Lodge. I quote one paragraph from it and if space permitted would be glad to quote the entire three pages:

"As the first degree prepares the body, and the second the mind, so the third presently brings that which human wisdom alone will not suffice to teach—for the human may not teach and inform the divine. And this great degree of Masonry shows man that he has a body, yet is not a body; has a mind, yet is not a mind; that the body is a temple, the mind an instrument, yet that they are creations; while He in his divine right is a Creator and survives. Words and symbols mean to us only that which we understand by them—and none can comprehend for another. Every change of apron or lights; every symbol, movement and legend of our work, is pregnant with meaning to the awakened consciousness. It teaches a thousand lessons, all going to

establish a great, fundamental, eternal unity. And that, when realized, tells us that there is no truth more broad, deep and abiding than brotherhood."

One of the most interesting portions appearing in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge was the address of M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, P.G.M. of Massachusetts. Discussing the universality of Masonry, M.W. Bro. Prince made mention of the International Lodge in China, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and I cannot refrain from quoting a portion of his address.

"Truly an International Lodge—truly a fine expression of the universality of Freemasonry, expressed in an extremely practical way. In that lodge are the representatives of five flags and many races; in that lodge are the representatives of every monotheistic religion in the world, every great monotheistic faith: the Buddhist, the Mohammedan, the Parsee, the Orthodox Jew and the Christian, and for use of the candidates, if requested, the five sacred books of the great religions are kept in that lodge and every candidate of non-Christian faith is offered the choice of the book which he acknowledges is most sacred and binding upon him upon which to take his obligation, but the interesting point to me, and to you, my brethren, I believe, is the fact that out of fifty candidates in its entire existence—fifty candidates of non-Christian faith—the same opportunity has been afforded to candidates and not one has selected any other book than the Christian Bible upon which you and I took our obligations. A rather illuminating fact, my brethren; and there in that lodge, to me, is the finest expression of universality of Freemasonry. Freemasonry in China is in itself international, because there we find three or four of the great jurisdictions of the world working in a complete, harmonious, co-operative brotherhood, carrying the light of Freemasonry into what some of us term the dark parts of China, because we have the Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts all working in the same territory, drawing from the same community, but working in the most complete spirit of harmony and brotherhood."

Another most interesting part of these proceedings is the report of the address given by Bro. A. Harry Moore, Governor of the State of New Jersey, which made a wonderful impression and disclosed the governor as one of nature's noblemen and a great-hearted member of our Craft.

The report of R.W. Bro. William B. Mackey, Deputy Grand Master, on his visit to the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in June, 1925, is also extremely interesting.

M.W. Bro. Randell spoke on behalf of the Masonic Service Association. I quote one striking portion of his address:

"We have nothing to fear from Bolshevism, from Communism, from lack of interest, from the failure of the people to exercise their various civic and governmental functions as they ought to do, so long as the 3,200,000 Freemasons of these United States are themselves awake and alive to their responsibilities and duties; so long as they maintain their natural leadership in the thoughts and activities of the cities, towns and hamlets of this Masonic country. It is because we recognize in American Freemasonry the potential power of an invincible stabilizing force in American affairs that you and I are so tremendously interested in every movement, whether it be state or national, that has for its object the shedding of more light upon the fundamental teachings of our Craft to the Masonic citizen of today. Whenever Freemasonry

in America fully awakens to its opportunities, and begins to intelligently exercise its power and leadership, the days of internal trouble and strife will be over. And whenever we arrive at that real universality of Freemasonry, which has been so eloquently referred to by our Brother, the Governor, the days of war and of international strife will be over; the days of universal peace will be at hand."

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey voted to become a member of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and authorized the appointment of a representative to the Board of Governors.

Total Membership, 86,230. Net gain, 3,403.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Mackey.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry.

F. S. S.

NEW MEXICO

Forty-eighth Annual Communication, February 15, 16 and 17, Roswell.

Jaffa Miller, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

56 Lodges. 6,555 Members. Gain, 134.

The report of the Grand Master is taken up chiefly with details of business done during his term of office. He had not been able to do very much visiting, as he had intimated when he assumed office, but said that the printed record would tell the Masonic story. There had been activity in some lodges, quietness in others, and no disturbance anywhere. Five Special Communications had been held. The District Deputy Grand Masters had done their work faithfully, as indeed their own reports, with one or two exceptions, show, and the peace and harmony prevailing among the constituent lodges were largely due to their efforts. The rulings of the Grand Master were generally approved by the Grand Lodge. Membership in the Masonic Service Association was recommended. The care of tubercular brethren going to New Mexico for the benefit of the climate is beginning to prove a serious burden on the lodges there, and a call for assistance is being sounded. The matter is very fully dealt with in the report of the Executive Commission of the Masonic Service Association of the United States on the need for Masonic Tubercular Relief, and the need for active steps being taken clearly shown. Later in the session the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized and directed to prepare proper amendments to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge so as to provide for the creation of a fund to be known and designated as the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association Fund, and providing that each chartered lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction, in addition to its regular lodge dues, shall annually levy and collect the sum of One Dollar upon each Master Mason shown in its annual returns, or contribute such amount from its treasury, to the aforesaid Fund. The report was duly adopted.

The Grand Master's action on dispensations granted and refused was approved.

Only two matters occupied the attention of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. John Milne. Alberta is briefly noticed.

C. V. B.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held in the Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 4, 1926. Grand Master William A. Rowan presided.

A large attendance of Grand Lodge officers and various Past Grand Lodge officers and members of committees were present. Grand Representatives of seventy-two Jurisdictions were present, but Alberta was not represented.

The opening prayer by R.W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, Grand Chaplain, was an inspiring commencement of this very large and important gathering of the Craft. This prayer as reported in the proceedings is one of the most impressive, beautiful and inspiring prayers it has ever been the privilege of this reviewer to hear or read.

The Grand Master's address is a lengthy presentation of his official acts and his views on the questions which came under his consideration during the last twelve months. It is not an oratorical address but is a plain businesslike statement of the matters covered by it and is written in a clear and easy style, which carries conviction.

Dispensations for twenty-six new lodges in the State of New York were issued. The Grand Master also granted dispensations for lodges at Damascus and Beirut, Syria.

In New York State, 821 lodges have adopted the practice of presenting a bible in connection with the degrees.

In speaking of the growth in the numbers of Masons and lodges, the Grand Master pointed out that this growth had out-run the increase in the administrative force of the Grand Lodge. In the last twenty-five years the membership had increased from 106,235 to 320,985. It had more than trebled. The number of lodges had increased from 750 to 967, a growth of about 30 per cent. With this growth in numbers, had gone a tremendous increase in the work to be done by the Grand Lodge officers and committees, which in the opinion of the Grand Master required considerable additions to the organization of Grand Lodge to cope with the situation.

The matter of politics being brought into assemblies of the Craft was dealt with by the following short but powerful statement:

"The large membership of the Craft, with its constantly increasing numbers, opens a large field for political venture. For this there should be permitted no opening wedge; Masons as citizens in politics, yes; the institution of Masons in politics, never!"

The Grand Master recommended that a committee be appointed to study the question of dual membership and to report at the next session of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Rowan has made during the two years of his tenure of office a very strong impression, not only on the Freemasonry of New York, but upon all members of the Craft wheresoever dispersed who take a real and abiding interest in the welfare of Masonry. The enthusiasm and loyalty so unanimously accorded him by the Grand Lodge of New York is what might be expected, when we remember that the following conclusion of his address indicates the guiding ideals of his administration:

"During the past year the thought of the Craft was turned toward our belief and our Masonic teachings, to the Constitution and Ancient Charges, and to the governing authority of Grand Lodge, the 'Landmarks.' Action in conformity with these gives us our strength, complete compliance is not to be expected; we have the human equation to consider; we must, however, see that the foundation of our Institution, composed of the fundamentals of Masonry, remain undisturbed; deviation therefrom is weakness, a weakness that will beget further weakness. Therein lies the work of the Craft, so that each succeeding generation may move a little closer to the attainment of our ideal of Brotherhood, a little closer to God."

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address dealt with this phase of Grand Master Rowan's work as follows:

"Our Grand Master sounds the call to Masons to stand by the ancient Landmarks of the Craft. We live in an age that takes pleasure in casting off the standards, customs and conventions of the fathers, in home, society and religion. In maintaining our Landmarks, we not only preserve the character and strength of Masonry, but thereby we also radiate into the community at large, through Master Masons, a steadying and balancing influence that should help preserve the ideals and institutions of Religion and State. Therefore, we cannot but feel that the leadership which has turned the Craft toward greater appreciation of and loyalty to its standards, has been one of great benefit and blessing to Masonry."

R.W. Bro. Horace W. Smith, Grand Lecturer, was honorably retired and made Grand Lecturer Emeritus with a salary of \$2,000.00 per year. M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer paid R.W. Bro. Smith a most fitting and appreciative tribute in supporting the resolution

Other very interesting reports appearing in the proceedings, were the reports of M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder on Social and Educational Service, and R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, who presented the Grand Historian's Report, and the report of M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This latter report dealt chiefly with the development of the new Grand Lodge of Rumania, which appears on pages 231, 232 and 233 of the proceedings.

Following an address of farewell by the Grand Master, when retiring from his exalted position, M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins paid the following tribute to Grand Master Rowan:

"The Grand Master has done many notable and very commendable things during the past two years, but the most outstanding and important feature of his administration has been his insistence upon and demand for the observance and maintenance of the traditions and the ancient landmarks and charges and the established doctrines and usages of Freemasonry; thereby for us and for true Masonry everywhere reaffirming the fundamental and essential doctrines of the Craft, and strengthening the ranks of Freemasonry and fortifying and reinforcing the superstructure that rests upon the doctrines of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

"His determination that this jurisdiction should not be affiliated with or recognize so-called Masonic bodies that do not acknowledge, but rather repudiate the great fundamental principle of Freemasonry—God and the Bible—has had and will always have the approval of genuine Freemasonry; and by his attitude on this subject he has won the gratitude of Masons here and everywhere, and for his emphatic position, the work done, the service rendered, the things accomplished, he is and will be known and honored throughout the Masonic world."

The new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson, on assuming the gavel, addressed Grand Lodge in a very interesting and inspiring manner in which his Masonic ideals were set forth in a very illuminating and interesting discourse.

The review of foreign correspondence is presented by a committee, composed of M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer, M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins and R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang. As is to be expected from such an able and experienced committee, it is a report which is very instructive and particularly interesting from the fact that it deals with some jurisdictions with which only a few Grand Lodges are in fraternal relation. Alberta is generously dealt with.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. R. J. Kenworthy.

Total Membership, 320,985. Net Gain, 9,715.

F. S. S.

NEW ZEALAND

Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held at Wellington, November 24, 1926. M.W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., Grand Master, on the Throne.

The Grand Master was unanimously re-elected to that office for the following year.

The scheme of distribution of Grand Lodge elective officers submitted by the Board of General Purposes was adopted. By this plan all officers of Grand Lodge were selected by the Board of General Purposes, subject to confirmation by Grand Lodge.

The reports showed an increase for the year in the accumulated funds of Grand Lodge of over \$55,000.00, these funds then standing at over \$500,000.00. The Board of Benevolence paid out during the year over \$4,200.00.

In respect of special cases dealt with in that jurisdiction under the name of Circular General Appeals there was paid out over \$11,000.00. These were cases submitted by the subordinate lodges on behalf of which the Grand Master sends out a special circular appeal for help throughout the whole jurisdiction. It is noted in this connection that the result of the appeals has left a surplus of over \$4,000.00.

The Board of Benevolence, in reporting on its work, points out that its decisions are largely guided by the consideration whether the lodge which made the application had itself assisted the applicant. The Board found that in a number of cases the applicants had made small provision, if any, for the eventuality of their own sickness or other troubles, and the Board again impressed upon the lodges the wisdom of inquiring from candidates for admission into the Craft whether they had made any provision for those depending upon them in case they should themselves become disabled by illness or accident. In the cases where the Board advanced money to pay off mortgages and give assistance of a similar nature, a transfer or assignment of the security was made to Grand Lodge trustees.

Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Fund, etc.—Thirty-nine new annuities were granted during the year, the total number at the end of the year standing at one hundred and forty-eight, involving a total annual charge of over \$30,000.00.

In connection with the appeal by the M.W. Grand Master for further contributions to the Benevolent Fund, it was pointed out in discussion that if 10 per cent reduction was made in the refreshment expenses and applied to the charity donations there would be no necessity for any such appeal.

We note that an appeal was made and a substantial amount collected on behalf of the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral Dome in London. We mention this as no such appeal appears to have been made in our own jurisdiction.

A motion that the reviews of the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges be included in the Book of Annual Proceedings, failed to carry.

Grand Master's Address:—The Grand Master visited thirty-two lodges, laid the foundation stones of three temples, consecrated one lodge. He refers to the increase of 923 in the total membership, making a total of 24,810. He also refers to the increase in the assets of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master states that apparently a number of the younger Masons are discontinuing attendance at the lodges, finding, as they say, monotony and even boredom. In this connection, he thinks the fault lies with the lodges rather than with the members and suggests that too much time is devoted to the ceremonial and that too little emphasis is placed on the fact that the real interest and use of our Craft lies outside the lodge, in our everyday life, in the happiness that it brings us, and in the happiness that we can impart to others; in the personal influence which we are enabled to wield over our fellow men.

285 Lodges. Total Membership, 24,823. Net increase, 1,076.

M.W. Bro. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. G. Barclay, P.G.W., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

NORTH CAROLINA

M.W. Brother Leon Cash, with thirteen Past Grand Masters supporting him, opened in Ample Form the one hundred and thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in the city of Raleigh, on January 19th, 1926.

In a well rendered account of his stewardship, the Grand Master referred to the practical side of Freemasonry:—

"Masonry means to us just what we make of it in our daily life. If we confine our Masonic activities solely to ritualistic work our conception of its mission will be a limited one. But if we translate that work into terms of practical application of its lessons for the benefit of ourselves and our fellowman, we shall realize that Freemasonry is synonymous with service and civic duty.

"At no period of the world's history has the principle of brotherhood applied with greater force to the problems of civilization than to-day, particularly in its relation to industrial conditions. More and more do we realize that in discussions between capital and labor the doctrine of selfishness breeds disaster; that might is not right between groups any more than between individuals; and that man cannot be independent of his fellowman. When the spirit and practice of brotherliness is applied to our industrial problems and we begin to think more of our duty toward our fellowman rather than our rights against him, then

will we be applying our Masonic teachings. With unrest and bitterness in evidence it is no time for true Masons to be sitting in their lodge rooms discussing ritualistic technicalities. Rather should we be translating the symbolism of Freemasonry into helpfulness and true brotherhood. If, instead of attempting to solve disputes by strikes and riots, we would apply, in a practical way, the Masonic precept 'who best can work and best agree', people to-day would not be shivering and starving in the anthracite coalfields of the country.

"Every degree in Masonry carries a lesson that points to civic duty and our relationship with each other in social and business life. Consider, for example, the Masonic admonition concerning the division of our time and apply it to the disturbed labor conditions of to-day. 'Eight hours for our usual vocations,' although recognized by Masons two centuries ago as a sane basis for a day's work, is now claimed by labor as a standard. But go a step further, and induce your fellowman to accept that other admonition which requires 'eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother,' and you have translated the doctrine of service into daily life in a way that would solve all our labor problems."

The Oxford Orphanage lies very near the heart of Brother Cash. He refers to it: "In all I spent seven days on the grounds during the year, and am ready to go back the first chance I get. The Baby Cottage is my center of gravity.

"Where is heaven? Not afar
Hid away behind a star,
Not beyond the sculptured granite,
Not upon another planet.
Is it only in the skies?
No—in little children's eyes."

The Grand Master spoke in fearless words roundly condemning the liquor traffic, serving notice on lodges whose members were engaged illicitly in this business that failing to file charges against the offending brethren their charters would be arrested. While sympathizing with those whose appetite craved intoxicants, he warned them that it was a Mason's duty to obey the law.

Grand Orator, Rev. C. C. Weaver, delivered a splendid oration upon "The Morning Minded Man," the "morning mind" being that which sees life in the cool white light of the rising sun as opposed to the "night mind" which is largely emotional. Space will not permit printing in full and to excerpt from it would only destroy its excellence. The inspirational lines of John Oxenham were quoted as the concluding thought:

"To whom shall the world henceforth belong,
And Who shall go up and possess it?

—To the Great-Hearts—the Strong,
Who will suffer no wrong,
And where they find evil redress it.

—To the Men of Bold Sight,
Whose souls seized of Light,
Found a work to be done and have done it.

—To the Valiant who fought
For a soul-lifting thought,
Saw the fight to be won and have won it.

—To the Men of Great Mind
Set on lifting their kind,
Who, regardless of danger, will do it.

—To the Men of Goodwill,
Who will cure all Life's ill,
And whose passion for peace will ensue it.

—To the Men who will bear
Their full share of Life's care,
And will rest not till wrongs be all righted.

—To the stalwarts who toil
'Mid the seas of turmoil,
Till the Haven of Safety be sighted.

—To the Men of Good Fame
Who everything claim—
This world and the next—in their Master's great name:

—To these shall the world henceforth belong,
And they shall go up to possess it;
Overmuch, overlong, has the world suffered wrong,
We are here by God's help to redress it."

In examining the several reports of the various departments of the Oxford Orphanage one who is himself a dentist was indeed pleased to note that a dental office with full equipment had been installed through the generosity of the York Rite Guard of Charlotte and that a dentist has been employed on full time. We, however, looked in vain for his report as it was promised in the remarks of the Superintendent. North Carolina is to be particularly congratulated upon such a forward step as this. Some good-souled brethren of the profession must have done some talking down there.

The Orphanage is apparently organized upon a large scale, as it is noted that the plant is valued in excess of \$750,000 which includes a school that has been placed upon the accredited list of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the Southern States. This latter fact as is stated in the report is no empty compliment, but is an expression of the high grade of work done.

Masonic Education is well advanced in North Carolina under the able direction of a Committee and Field Secretary W. C. Wicker, who is employed on full time. His comprehensive report shows that the program is carried out by co-operation with the Grand Lecturers and Custodians of the Work under three heads:

1. To continue the growth of knowledge and interpretation of the principles of Masonry, using the literature of the Masonic Service Association and supplementing this from other sources.
2. To emphasize the hidden truths of Masonry not stressed in the literature of the Masonic Service Association.
3. To begin the deeper study of the origin and development of the spiritual light and soul enlightenment concealed in the symbols of the three degrees of Masonry.

Past Grand Master Randell, of Texas, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association and Managing Editor of the "Master Mason",

addressed Grand Lodge at some length on the work of that organization. Speaking with regard to the necessity for Masonic education the following were probably his most striking remarks:

"We must bring the real lesson and the real meaning of Freemasonry into the lives and hearts of our Masons everywhere or we will not function like we ought to function, and we will have no right to speak as we do now of our membership. We cannot hope to bring men into our doors year after year by the hundreds and thousands until we have grown into a fraternity of millions of men unless we are going to do our duty by them on the one hand and the fraternity on the other. We must teach them what it is all about, give them a knowledge of the use of the tools put into their hands for Masonic service, service to their community as well as to themselves and to the Craft. It is the great mission of the Masonic fraternity, three-fold. It can be stated in many ways but I don't know of any better way to state it than this: Its mission is first, service; second, stability; and third, the realization of spiritual values. If we do not get these things in the highest degree we are not functioning as a craft and not functioning in our individual capacities as we ought. Unless we can build an organization of men in every city, town, hamlet, village and cross-roads of the nation, representing the highest kind and character of citizenship; if we cannot take these men and teach them service to their commonwealth and their country, to humanity at large, as well as to themselves and their families; if we cannot weld them into the great stabilizing force of the nation in the crisis mentioned in the address of the Grand Orator, and teach them a knowledge and realization of the spiritual values of this fraternity, then we are not functioning and we ought to find some able leadership that will show us how to function. That is all Freemasonry is for. It is not an insurance organization or a commercial organization engaged in accumulating assets and paying dividends. We are the only organization in the world of our kind—a world brotherhood of men realizing and recognizing the common brotherhood of all men, and the common Fatherhood of God, that we are His children and banded together for the purpose of learning to live together as brethren, to consider each other and each other's interests and to teach the humanity about us how to live."

There are many other interesting features about this report including the foreign correspondence and appended analytical statistics, by Brother J. Edward Allen, but lack of space forbids further comment. Membership, 41,306. Gain, 700.

Grand Master, John E. Cameron.

V. H. M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Thirty-seventh Annual Communication, June 15, 16 and 17, 1926 held at Bismarck.

Theodore B. Elton, Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

127 Lodges. 15,254 Members. Gain, 184.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge the colors were presented, and "America" was sung.

M.W. Bro. Edward W. Spottswood, Grand Master of Montana, was received, and given the Grand Honors.

Four Master Masons, who had a Masonic record of fifty years or more, were received with enthusiastic applause and the Grand Honors. Telegrams were sent to two other veterans who were unable to attend through illness. This thoughtfulness on the part of Grand Lodge seems most commendable to us.

The Grand Master's address deals almost entirely with the activities of his office during the year. Corner stones for two Masonic Temples had been laid during the year, one at Bowbells and one at Williston. A pleasing feature was the announcement of the foundation of the Walter L. Stockwell Fund, in honor of the Grand Secretary, who has been in attendance at Grand Lodge for thirty-four years, and about half of that time in his present official capacity. It is no wonder that he has been described as the one and only Ancient Landmark of Masonry in his Jurisdiction. We would like to extend to our Brother, who is very favorably known to Alberta Masons, our congratulations both on his record as a Mason and on the honor that has come to him.

Apparently the legal requirement that Master Masons shall pass a satisfactory examination on the work of the Third Degree before participating in the business of the lodge has not proved workable, and its repeal has been recommended. It was found that there were nearly one thousand Masons who had been raised but who could not be considered as Master Masons.

The Grand Master sees everywhere evidences of prosperity and advancement. The spirit of service is implanted firmly in practically every section of the jurisdiction.

The Committee on Patriotic Service does some plain speaking, which, if we are to judge by press reports appearing from time to time, is sorely needed. But we would like to pass on to them the message sent by an old professor, when on his deathbed, to his beloved pupils: "Tell the young gentlemen always to verify their quotations." We were hardly able to recognize "In Flanders Fields."

Alberta was represented by Bro. Herbert A. Merrifield, of Han-
kinson.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Bro. George Hovey Phelps, and contains sixty-one reviews. It is quite exhaustive, and lightened by a kindly sympathy. Alberta is accorded generous notice.

C. V. B.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 9, 1926. M.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Ewing, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was a distinguished visitor at this communication. After a welcome was extended to this brother the Grand Master placed Grand Lodge in the hands of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to attend Divine Service at St. Paul's church. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Grand Chaplain who delivered an excellent sermon, a copy of which appears in the printed proceedings. We have pleasure in quoting therefrom his remarks on ritual:

"What is more natural and what more a matter of course than Ritual? In everything connected with human life there is ritual and ceremony. Out initiation into the world—Christenings, weddings,

burials, handshakings, hat liftings, saluting the flag of our country, touching the forehead, lips and heart, as the Orientals do, in token that thoughts and words and heart are loyal and sincere; these are the ritual of everyday life which are so common that they are done involuntarily, without thought of their inward meaning.

"The Ritual of Freemasonry aims to impress lessons of life—the common lessons which we pass by without realizing: The helplessness of birth, the fellowship of mankind, dependence through life on a Higher Power, the value of cloud and sunshine in ripening character, the inevitability of death, the certainty of a resurrection to Eternal Life. All these are taught in dramatic picturing on the Masonic stage, and he is a thoughtless and unworthy Mason who lets familiarity breed indifference, or who witnesses these scenes only as empty ceremonies which have grown stale and meaningless by reason of that familiarity which is intended to instruct and impress.

"It is a great duty of Freemasons to concentrate upon the lessons which underlie these ritualistic ceremonies. But how many of us really do that? We witness the same ritual year after year, go through the same ceremonies, say the same words and tire of them, only because we do not concentrate upon the inward fullness of meaning of such words and ceremonies.

"Ritual in the Lodge is not only an adjunct. It is a necessity:

"A writer on Freemasonry says, in effect: By having **ritual** as a basis of Lodge work the lodge is saved from the caprices of the individual and from the dictatorship of some masterful leader. Suppose that each degree consisted of a new and extemporaneous speech by some Brother or officer of the Lodge; this might be novel and refreshing for a time, but very soon the speeches would lose their interest and instructiveness or would become stereotyped, simply because there are few men who could keep on making such extemporaneous speeches successfully. This would be true of **any** form of initiation that tried to dispense with a **ritual**. Individuality, peculiar disposition or temperament, variety of intelligence or of education, lack or variousness of qualification, would make permanency of excellence impossible. But a rich and many-sided **ritual**, evolved through ages of usage, full of glancing lights and shadows of imagery and of mysteries, is never at the mercy of individual caprice or liable to individual failure.

"The ritualistic element in Freemasonry makes for Fellowship and co-operation. It is something that almost any man can learn and take part in. No one is excluded from participating in Lodge activities. No member is so un-gifted that he cannot take an intelligent part in the ritual and symbolism of a Masonic Lodge."

The Grand Master in the course of his address has the following to say on the subject of brotherly love:

"I esteem it a pleasure indeed to welcome each and every one to this our Sixty-first Annual Communication, where brotherly love should reign supreme. There are many reasons why we as men and Masons should love and respect Masonry; but the principal one is because it stands for everything that tends towards the building up of manly men, good, broad-minded, square-acting men. We may be weak, but Masonry is strong. We may be timid, but Masonry is fearless. We may grow weary—Masonry needs no rest. We may lose heart—Masonry knows no despair. Therefore, with Masonry to support, to sustain and to encourage, we can conquer even as Buddha subdued the evil spirit in the days long before the smile of a loving

Christ lighted up the darkness of the world. We need stalwart Masons, so steadfast in the faith that they will uphold the teachings of the Craft at all times in and out of the lodge room. Masons, who will see the inner meaning of the obligations of Masonry and who will carry out those obligations with charity to all—not only in the spirit of charity as we use that word today, but also in the sense in which St. Paul used it, and as modern translators use it, to mean love and good will. I urge you to think of these things for I earnestly believe that 'Love and good will' are the keynote to all the teachings of our Divine Master. It is not what we can get out of Masonry that will count—rather it is what you, through the collective influence of the lodge, can give to the community in which you live. Masonry has high ideals, so that we can always command and retain the respect of our friends and neighbors.

"There are many causes for thankfulness in this year's work—no gaps have occurred in our list of officers, and no regrettable incident has happened to mar the pleasure that I have found in the work, for the social and business relations have been uniformly agreeable, and the recollections of every visit that I have been able to make are all happy and good to look back upon.

"Naturally, the outstanding memories are woven around District Meetings, for the impressions left in my mind of them are very vivid, and I have thought much about them of late because, in my opinion, the hope of the future success of our Order lies very largely in these District meetings, drawing together the men of a large section for the discussion of their difficulties and problems. Under such circumstances enthusiasm for Masonry must grow with the increasing knowledge of its value and the individual attending these reunions will return to his home lifted up with the thought that he has received as well as given something that may add to the common good."

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Nova Scotia Freemasons' Home we learn that two of their guests died during the year and that five new guests were received into the home. There is apparently urgent need of the erection of an addition to the home. Over \$10,000.00 has been contributed by the various lodges to meet this additional expenditure.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico was accorded fraternal recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives arranged for.

R.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Historian, presented a very complete report of the work accomplished by him during the past year, which he states will take some two or three years more to complete. From the outline setting forth the scope of the proposed History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia, we have reason to anticipate that this publication when complete will be a valuable addition not only to the Masonic Library of this Grand Jurisdiction but to those of sister jurisdictions as well.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Jones, Grand Secretary, reports having reviewed all the proceedings of sister jurisdictions which he has received during the year. We congratulate our brother not only on the excellence of the Report on Fraternal Correspondence but upon the many additional services rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year.

Number of lodges, 80. Total membership, 9,744. Net gain, 82.

S. Y. T.

OHIO

One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication held in Cincinnati, October 20th and 21st, 1926. In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Earle Stewart, Grand Master.

As is usual in the Ohio report, the Grand Master's Address is more of a running commentary on the work of numerous officers and committees coupled with a catalogue of his own strenuous labors, than an address of personal observation, criticism and finding. And what a catalogue! The six hundred and fifty pages of the report bristle with action in the service of the fraternity and mankind, and while most of it must, of necessity, be of local color there is much of wider interest.

As evidence of flourishing condition five new lodges are constituted, seventeen temples and lodge-rooms dedicated and twenty-four corner stones laid, one of them that of the new three and a half million dollar temple in Cincinnati. A feature of the laying of the Cincinnati corner stone was a procession of 9,000 Masons.

Pending investigation and reliable information, recognition was again refused The Mexican United Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz.

In a number of appendices filled with statistics and brimming with evidence of labor for good, two are outstanding from a general point of view.

The first covers the exercises carried out at the sesqui-centennial of American Union Lodge No. 1 at Marietta, Ohio, on June 24th, 1926. This lodge was founded at Roxbury, Massachusetts, on February 20th, 1776. The exercises were attended by a large and representative gathering of Masons and included speeches on the history and growth of this truly "ancient" lodge.

The outstanding item in the report, however, is a survey of Masonic Education in Ohio. The "in Ohio" could readily be dropped, we believe, for the survey is most exhaustive.

R.W. Bro. C. S. Plumb, Grand Historian, outlines first five fields for survey, viz.:

1. A lodge inquiry on education by questionnaire.
2. The Library.
3. Study Clubs.
4. Lectures.
5. Periodicals.

Each section is then developed in turn. Some of the questions under No. 1 are decidedly to the point and we wonder how our lodges would answer such questions as: How much is your lodge library used? Is Masonic education promoted by your lodge? With what Masonic periodicals . . . are you familiar?

Lodge libraries in Ohio are then listed and some excellent ones noted.

Masonic Study Clubs are dealt with fully. We would like to publish the outline of study based on Mackay's Encyclopedia but space forbids. Doubtless our own Committee on Masonic Research and Education will profit by the list.

The benefit derivable from lectures is outlined and lecture courses briefly discussed. Finally Masonic periodicals are fully covered.

The report closes with a quotation from the report of the Committee on Masonic Education of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on which the following significant questionings are based. They are worthy of the deepest consideration. "What corporate contribution is Twentieth Century Masonry making to world civilization? Does it speak with a living voice, that the world will hear and heed? What does Masonry mean today, beyond the conferring of degrees and the wearing of jewelry? What real contribution is this venerable brotherhood making towards universal brotherhood or world peace, the hope, the aspiration of the ages? What program does the Masonic brotherhood offer looking to the advancement of business ethics, of industrial accord, the amelioration of social ills?"

Every Mason should ponder these formidable questions. An answer will be demanded soon!

The report closes with an excellent review of foreign correspondence in which Alberta receives generous and friendly mention.

Charles L. Minor, Springfield, Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

OKLAHOMA

Eighteenth Annual Communication, held at Guthrie, February 23rd to 25th, 1926.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Gilbert B. Bristow, Grand Master.

Brother McGuire welcomed the Grand Lodge in the name of the Masons and concordant bodies of Guthrie. In the course of his remarks he quoted from another speaker which we feel will bear repetition: "Let us so live, let us so conduct our own lives, that our friends and our neighbors will recognize us as Masons without a pin to identify us."

Among the Grand Representatives welcomed on the floor of Grand Lodge, Alberta was counted in the person of M.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Past Grand Master.

Grand Master Bristow has been a fearless and indefatigable worker. In his report he mentions having covered almost 25,000 miles of travel and having visited over 300 lodges, a record to be proud of. "Peace and harmony," he reports, "have prevailed over the jurisdiction in almost all lodges."

In common with the remarks of every Grand Master in contemporary reports Grand Master Bristow comments on the need for supplying a definite interest for the individual brother:

" . . . I am fully persuaded that the average Master Mason wants something to do, and without it he will soon lose interest, but if you give him something to do that is really worth while, that appeals to him as something that will get results, that will not require an expensive organization to present to the Craft, that will allow him to work in his own way, and in his own jurisdiction, he will be only too glad to be of service, and will not hesitate to align himself with the other brethren who are ready and willing to serve the Craft to the best of their ability and without always having their eyes on the dollar mark."

The remarks quoted were taken from the Grand Master's explanation of his action in peremptorily withdrawing his Grand Lodge from the Masonic Service Association, but are nevertheless of generally

pertinent import. His action led to very lengthy and pointed discussion, fully reported in the Proceedings, but the Grand Master was upheld.

For attempting to foster a spurious Grand Body in the State of Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, as did many of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, has withdrawn recognition of the Grand Orient of France.

In her roll of lodges, Oklahoma has several with a large membership, two having over two thousand, two over one thousand and twenty with over five hundred members.

The Grand Lecturer reports "The work throughout the jurisdiction is in a most excellent condition."

Splendidly detailed reports of the Masonic School and Home Activities are part of the report and the work in this direction must be a source of quiet pride to our Oklahoma brethren.

The address of the Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. Shelley Rogers, is printed in full. He chose as his theme "Whence come you, and whither travelling?" He sketches briefly but eloquently the growth of Masonry and especially the part the Craft has played in the United States.

We feel though that R.W. Bro. Rogers has taken a somewhat narrow nationalistic view when he says:

"If we would preserve untarnished our sacred heritage, if we would recognize and fulfil our manifest destiny, if we would maintain our righteous and beneficent leadership of the Nations, if we would secure universal peace and avoid war, we must stay off the World Court and outside the League of Nations."

Later in his address another remark is made which in our humble opinion is flat contradiction of the first:

"The Chinese nation has existed these five thousand years and more, only because of the National Mind created by enforced public education . . ."

We hardly think that even Brother Rogers will point to the Chinese as an example for the modern progressive with "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" as his motto.

The usual statistical tables and a fine review of Foreign Correspondence round out a valuable addition to Masonic Progress. Alberta receives a very generous and friendly portion.

Claude A. Sturgeon, McAlester, Grand Master.

William M. Anderson, Guthrie, Grand Secretary. A. M. M.

OREGON

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication, June 16, 17 and 18, 1926, Portland.

Percy R. Kelly, Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

190 Lodges. 28,969 Members. Gain, 933.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. E. H. Sensenich, Deputy Grand Master, was present at the Communication, at which he was subsequently elected to the office of Grand Master.

The Address of the Grand Master makes very interesting reading. He said in part:

"The Masonic Order is a society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who may best serve and best agree. In this spirit I address you as your retiring Grand Master.

"If this conception of our fraternity is effaced, if one at variance therewith is substituted, it matters not how well your various funds may have been administered, it matters not what splendid temples you may have erected, it matters not how eloquent the speeches of your leaders may have been, Masonry is a failure.

"You will seek in vain to find in ritual, monitor, or other writings; you will seek in vain to find in dollars, dress or display; you will seek in vain to find in form, magnitude or munificence the real, the actual, the genuine essence of true Masonry. It is manifested by the life, the work and the character of those who possess it. They live to serve, and their service is one of love."

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that in determining the actual value, strength and efficiency of a lodge as an agency of Masonic instruction and education, and as a means of promoting fraternal interest and fellowship, the attendance at such lodge is the best and most reliable factor to be considered, and that the lodge succeeds or fails in its dissemination of true Masonic light and knowledge by its attendance or the lack of it. He recommends the appointment of a State Lecturer as a means of promoting better attendance.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. John K. Kollock, will be read with interest by all students of the history of Masonry.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of the Pacific and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, as also to the Grand Orient of Ancient, Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Argentine Republic, and granted to the National Grand Lodge of Roumania.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. David P. Mason, and is very complete. Alberta is very fully and sympathetically noticed.

C. V. B.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. The Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia on December 27, 1926. R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Hamilton, Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, has the following to say with regard to Schools of Instruction:

"The Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction have continued to do a great work in perfecting an extraordinary degree of accuracy and uniformity in the esoteric work of the Craft.

"Through their instrumentality, there has been developed a considerable number of well instructed brethren, who are not only well qualified to serve their lodges in official capacity, but who have, themselves, greatly profited in the acquirement of a larger interest in the wonderful history, the ethics and the profound philosophy of the Institution.

"The benefit to the Fraternity, of this happy condition, cannot be measured, and since it is due, in large degree, to the faithful devotion of the officers and instructors of the schools, the grateful thanks of Grand Lodge is hereby tendered them.

"The number of these schools having been so increased, as to be within convenient reach of all the lodges, the time seems to have arrived when the fine degree of uniformity in the ritualistic work, which now prevails in a great majority of the lodges, shall be made more complete by requiring that the officers charged with the work of the lodge shall have demonstrated their proficiency therein, prior to their installation into office.

"The District Deputy Grand Masters will, therefore, so arrange, during the coming year, that the Masters and Wardens of the lodges under their control may have opportunity to attain the required proficiency, either in existing schools, or in conferences called for the purpose, and will adopt such means as may be necessary to enable them to vouch for the qualification of the officers elect."

Grand Master Hamilton is of the opinion that the interval of a Masonic month between the approval and initiation of a petitioner should elapse. In this we heartily concur.

He reported that there was an organization which styled itself a Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and had its headquarters in the city of Pittsburg. The Committee on Clandestine Masons, after a thorough investigation of its status, filed a Bill in Equity against this organization in the Courts of Allegheny County, and has since, through an extended correspondence and personal interviews with authorities on Masonic law and practice and with Grand Masters and other officials of sister Grand Lodges, and by the accumulation of competent testimony, been preparing for a judicial hearing of the matter, which, it is hoped, may be had at the coming term of the Equity Court in March next.

He emphasized the necessity of lodges so regulating their finance that the annual dues are sufficient for their proper maintenance, without using a portion of the fees received from initiations.

He pointed out that the Masonic Service Association, which was organized some years ago following the failure of the Fraternity to obtain governmental permission to furnish aid to its members in the army overseas, was established in order that it might function as a unit in future emergencies requiring concerted action, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was among the first to join its ranks. He further pointed out that this association is now composed of twenty-six Grand Lodges, three having withdrawn during the past year and that the numerical strength of the Grand Lodges remaining in the association is less than one-third of the Masonic population of the United States. He claimed that this association is now functioning in but one of the basic purposes of its organization, i.e., Education, and has, apparently, made no provision whatever for meeting such calls for relief as may be made upon it, or for meeting emergent conditions arising in any of the member jurisdictions, as, witness, the plea for help by members burdened with the care of tubercular cases, and the purpose of the Association to call for voluntary contributions. He addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Executive Commission of this association, suggesting changes in the form of this organization which, if effected, would warrant the continuance of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a member. Failing to arrive at a satisfactory understanding, this Grand Lodge resigned as a member of the association.

The following are a few of the decisions given by R.W. Bro. Hamilton:

1. That no song sheets can be used at Masonic banquets with any advertisements thereon.

2. That a W.M. of a lodge, removed by a Grand Master, is not entitled to any recognition or privileges as a Past Master by service and that his name must not be included as such in any record of his lodge.

3. That lodge notices are confidential communications between a lodge and its members and must be treated as such. Any misuse of them for business purposes by either the member who originally receives them or a representative of a commercial concern, will be made the subject of Masonic charges.

Number of lodges as at December 27, 1925, 559. Total membership 204,048. Net gain, 4,247.

S. Y. T.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Philippine Islands was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Manila on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, A.D. 1926.

Most Worshipful Bro. Christian W. Rosenstock, Grand Master.

The Grand Representatives of sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions were present and were welcomed in cordial terms by the Grand Master. Alberta was represented by Bro. Conrado Benitez.

The Grand Master presented his annual address in which he reviewed in detail his own activities as Grand Master as well as many other important matters affecting the welfare of the Craft under his jurisdiction during the past twelve months. We quote several interesting paragraphs from the Grand Master's address.

"I have found that brotherly love prevails among the Craft in the Philippine Islands, and that peace and harmony exist throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

"Our Grand Lodge has ninety-five chartered lodges and four lodges under dispensation, making a total of ninety-nine. These lodges are located all over the Islands, from Aparri in the Northern part of Luzon to Davao, on the Southern Coast of Mindanao, a distance of one thousand five hundred and sixty-eight miles."

"The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has given a rare and unusual opportunity to the brethren working under its jurisdiction to practise brotherly love, and the best evidence that our brethren are living up to this important teaching of our Ancient Craft may be found in the records of our Grand Lodge. We have demonstrated to the Masonic World that men of every country, sect, and opinion can be united into one common band or society of friends and brothers and that brotherly love does exist in this Grand Jurisdiction among Masons who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

"It has been brought to my attention that on occasions, when degrees have been conferred in some of our lodges by special teams com-

posed of members of the Scottish Rite Bodies, programs and invitations were printed showing that the teams were composed of thirty-third degree and K.C.C.H. Masons, or Masons of other degrees and titles foreign to those used in Symbolic Lodges.

"I do not believe that this practice should be permitted in this jurisdiction and I recommend that this Grand Lodge take action in disapproval thereof."

We quote from the report of the Grand Secretary:

"In making the report of the Grand Secretary for the year just closed I do so with a great satisfaction. The year has passed away a day and a week at a time and throughout all the days nothing of a regrettable character has marred the onward progress of our work. We may not have accomplished all that was desired, yet much was achieved and progress was constantly in evidence.

"The number of lodges is still increasing. We have now passed the hundred mark in numbering. Every increase of lodges also makes a corresponding increase in the work in the Grand Secretary's office.

"The inter-lodge relations in these Islands have been most fraternal and we rejoice in a splendid rivalry in work and in the spirit of Brotherhood.

"The relations with other Grand Lodges have been exceptionally cordial. We can justly be proud of our standing in the Masonic World, and it is a constant endeavor of your Grand Secretary to cement still stronger the chain of connection between our Grand Lodge and those abroad."

A very interesting as well as instructive part of these proceedings is the report of the Junior Grand Lecturer, R.W. Bro. Fred Damman, in which he discusses the problem of making the lodge meetings interesting and maintaining the attendance.

The Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to their Constitution reading as follows:

"Provided, further, That it shall be the duty of all the members of the lodge to attend the stated meetings of the same as fixed in the By-Laws. Non-attendance on the part of a member for twelve consecutive months shall, in the absence of a valid excuse, be treated the same as non-payment of the dues and all provisions governing the latter shall also be applicable to the suspension, and restoration, of any member for failure to attend during the period above mentioned."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented by M.W. Bro. George R. Harvey and Bro. Leo Fischer maintains the high standard of excellence which these brethren have achieved in this work. We quote from Brother Harvey's Introduction:

"There is an encouraging development in charitable, benevolent and educational activities within the lodges, as shown by the reports of Grand Officers. The Craft is engaged in relieving distress, dispelling ignorance and superstition, and instructing the brethren in the duties that they owe to one another and to all mankind.

"More interest is being manifested from year to year in the study side of Masonry, and a greater number of the brethren are seeking enlightenment upon subjects pertaining to the Fraternity. It is becoming more and more apparent that Masonry is not a mutual benefit

society, but is a mode of life, a school of instruction, and a brotherhood whose purpose is to make good men better and to injure no man."

Number of lodges, 99. Membership, 6,837. Net gain, 49.

M.W. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held in the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, on June 23, 1926. M.W. Bro. John Francis Martin, Grand Master,

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, April 21, 1926, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late M.W. Bro. Edward W. MacKay, P.G.M., one of the most valued and enthusiastic members of this Grand Lodge.

Following the custom introduced a few years ago, a bouquet of American Beauty Roses was presented to the M.W. Grand Master by Crystal Chapter, No. 1, O.E.S., and accepted in a very pleasing manner.

The M.W. Grand Master asks the question, "Is there no way in which we, as Masons, can help the youth of our land escape the snares and allurements which encounter them on every hand?" He answers the question thus:

"Some few years ago, a Society, named the Order of De Molay, was organized in the U.S. under the patronage of Freemasonry. Its object was to enlist young men of Masonic relationship between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one into a Secret Society where they were pledged to principles akin to Masonry, their obligations being made suitable to their age. It has received the approval of and been recommended by many of the Grand Lodges in the U.S., and is reported to have grown very rapidly in numbers. If it would be the means of helping young men to form habits of virtue and correct living and grow up to manhood in decency of conduct it seems to me we should give it our countenance.

"To this end I have appointed M.W. Bro. A. Stirling McKay, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Ernest Kemp, Grand Secretary, to act with your Grand Master as a Committee whose duty it will be to enquire into its constitution and endeavour to ascertain how it stands in the estimation of those who have had an opportunity of observing its progress, and report the results of their investigation at our next Annual Grand Communication."

The Grand Secretary's Report shows that there are 15 lodges in this jurisdiction; that the total membership is 1,177 and that the net increase is 8.

This Grand Lodge collects annually a per capita fee of \$1.00, 75c of which is expended for Grand Lodge purposes and 25c for benevolence. The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island has now a capital fund of over \$10,000.00 reserved for benevolent purposes. Their expenditure for benevolence amounts to about \$500.00 a year.

The Grand Secretary accompanied the Grand Master on his visits to all the lodges in the jurisdiction. He inspected the records of each lodge and rendered valuable assistance to the Secretaries.

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence last year urged the instituting of a correspondence review. We fail to find any reference to this in the 1926 Proceedings.

S. Y. T.

QUEBEC

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Montreal on February 10, 1926. M.W. Bro. W. J. Ewing, Grand Master.

"R.W. Bro. W. C. Hagar, Deputy Grand Master, having taken his position and ascertaining that the various stations in Grand Lodge were occupied, and that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, called Grand Lodge to order, whereupon the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, preceded by his Grand Director of Ceremonies and District Deputy Grand Masters, and accompanied by the Most Worshipful the Past Grand Masters present, entered, and having assumed his chair, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM."

This Grand Lodge had the pleasure of entertaining two distinguished visitors in the presence of M.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario).

Grand Master Ewing reported that over 60 per cent of the promised subscriptions for the erection of a new Masonic Temple at Montreal had been paid. He concluded his interesting and businesslike address with these significant words:

"Masonry is but a form of Service, and should be judged, not so much by the progress it is making, either numerically or financially, as by the amount of Service it is rendering, first to those composing its membership, second to the community in which it is placed, and third, to mankind in general."

A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by District Grand Chaplain G. Abbott-Smith on the subject, "Builders of Destiny." He says in part:

"Of all the handiwork of man, that of the Mason is the most abiding. The work of the artificer in wood and iron, the work of the painter and the decorator, all this has disappeared under the ravages of decay and fire and flood and the destroying hand of man. But the work of the Mason, wrought in solid stone, has survived where that of all other craftsmen has vanished. It is the most fundamental, the most stable and enduring of the works of man.

"Our craft of speculative Masonry has, therefore, as the basis of its precepts and researches, a very ancient, strong and abiding foundation. 'A peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,' it takes the principles, appliances and traditions of operative Masonry—traditions which are traced back through ages of association to the earliest legends of the craft—and, taking these, applies them to that which is the noblest constructive work of man, the building of character—a work in which he may co-operate—nay, must, if he would hope for success, with the Great Architect of the Universe Himself. Man is the architect of his own character and destiny. He builds his house of life—the principles, the habits, which are the true home of the soul, the abode wherein it dwells and from which it comes forth to work for the good will or self and of mankind. Of that house, man is the architect.

"That house he is building, day by day, and the building will abide throughout eternity, whether as a home or a prison of the soul.

"If, therefore, he would build wisely, let him look to the foundations, and let him build in dependence on and in co-operation with a higher

hand. For there is One working with him and in him through whom alone his house of life can be a success.

“ ‘Except the Lord build the house, their labour is vain that build it.’ It is a commonplace of all true religion and one of the foundation principles of our ancient craft, that God’s blessing prospers all human undertaking and that all effort is vain without it.”

709 candidates were initiated during the year. Of that number 60 per cent were on the Island of Montreal and 40 per cent elsewhere throughout the province.

A brief but interesting report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M. This is his thirty-ninth consecutive report. This Grand Lodge owes a deep debt of gratitude to this distinguished brother for services admirably rendered for many years.

Number of lodges, 82. Total membership, 14,152; Net increase, 454.

S. Y. T.

QUEENSLAND

Fifth Annual Report covering Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1926.

The Grand Master was installed on the 12th of August, 1925, by a party of eleven Grand Lodge officers from Victoria, who travelled some twenty-six hundred miles for the purpose. Grand Lodge officers from sister jurisdictions were also present. On a subsequent occasion, the Grand Master, with some of his senior officers, attended the installation of the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. That ceremony was unique in that it was the first time in the history of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth when all the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand were represented at an installation of a Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes, among other matters, had to deal with the “chain letter” evil, and pronounced the same unmasonic, and also advised the lodges that holding practice meetings on Sunday should be discontinued. This latter pronouncement by the Board was not upheld by the Grand Lodge, as it was thought some leniency must be shown in the case of country lodges.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution to give District Grand Masters power to grant dispensations in the case of maimed candidates, failed to carry, as it was considered that the matter in regard to maimed candidates was the particular prerogative of the Grand Master and of too important a nature to delegate to any other authority.

The motion to raise a fund to assist subordinate lodges to build their own Temples was, after ample discussion, lost, owing principally to the fact of other calls on Grand Lodge at the time.

Benevolent Fund: For the year ending July 31, 1925, the Benevolent Fund paid out over \$11,000 and in the three-quarterly terms immediately following paid out in current grants over \$9,000.00. All this was in addition to very substantial payments to various particular funds.

A committee previously appointed by Grand Lodge to determine signs, steps, etc., under the new ritual finally concluded its labors.

The decisions of the committee were conveyed to the Grand Superintendent of Workings and through him to the various lodges.

Grand Master's Address: Urges the brethren to live up to their expressed desire to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow men; mentions the unveiling by one of the subordinate lodges of what he regarded as one of the finest altars in the jurisdiction, the altar constructed by one of the brethren in memory of his deceased wife and presented to the lodge; mentions the case of a brother who, in order to attend a special meeting of a lodge, travelled some seven hundred miles by aeroplane, railway and motor car.

305 lodges.

M.W. Bro. C. Stumm, K.C., Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 17th of May, 1926.

M.W. Bro. Howard Knight, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors present included the Grand Masters of Maine, Connecticut and New York.

In his address the Grand Master stated that his efforts had been chiefly directed along three different lines, namely:

First—Toward improving and correcting the financial situation particularly with reference to the financial affairs of constituent lodges.

Second—Toward detail of Grand Lodge organizations.

Third—Toward adequate supervision of subordinate lodges without unnecessary interference.

Fourth—Toward promoting the doctrine of Universality in Freemasonry and not confine the interests of Grand Lodge to the borders of our Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master recommended a form of instruction to Investigating Committees to Petitions for Initiation which we quote:

1. Visit the applicant in his home and form an opinion as to him from contact and conversation. Inform him that there are several questions to be answered by him and that he should be frank in answering them. Assure him that any statement that he may make will be considered absolutely confidential.

2. Ascertain his reasons why he desires to become a Mason. Curiosity, ambition for honors, and a desire to enlarge his circle of acquaintance for business purposes are not suitable motives for seeking admission into Freemasonry. If he has applied before, find out where and when.

3. Is he physically fit? A person likely to become a charge on a lodge should not be recommended.

4. Does he believe in God, or a Supreme Being? What are his religious connections, or opinions, if he has any?

5. What is his moral reputation? Is he temperate, industrious, clean and of right living?

6. What is his business connection? Has he other fraternal connections?

7. Is he in a position to incur the financial obligations of Masonry without apparent harm to himself or family? What is his reputation for discharging his financial obligations?

8. Is he an American citizen? Is he married or single? What family has he and what dependents?

9. Is he a man of strong personal prejudices? Would he be intolerant of the honest opinions of others?

10. From the information you are able to obtain decide whether the applicant is one with whom you are willing to associate and one whom you would recommend to others for like relations. Remember that your report is to be based on your investigations. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the applicant's fitness, the Lodge should have the benefit of it and your report should be unfavorable.

Fourteen dispensations to attend divine services were granted during the year as well as dispensations to twelve lodges to appear in lodge formation in Masonic Sunday parade and attend divine worship on May 2, 1926.

Grand Master makes many recommendations and suggestions with regard to many matters which are of interest only to the local Grand Body and to Masons of Rhode Island.

This Grand Lodge on the recommendation of the Committee on Finance established a Masonic Home Fund and also the Grand Lodge Educational Fund. This latter fund is to be used for the purposes of providing scholarships for sons and daughters of Master Masons in the jurisdiction.

The regular semi-annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, November 16, 1925. Grand Master Bro. H. Knight. At this Communication it was

"RESOLVED, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body or its subordinates be recognized as such in this jurisdiction."

Number of lodges, 42. Total membership, 18,058. Net gain, 435.

M.W. Bro. William Luther Sweet, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Twentieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the auditorium of the City Hall, Regina, on Wednesday, June 16th, 1926. M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present at this Communication. An address of welcome was delivered by the Provincial Treasurer, the

Mayor of the City of Regina, and the W. Master of Wascana Lodge, No. 2, Regina. M.W. Bro. C. Ensor Sharpe, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was cordially received as a visitor.

M.W. Bro. Swain, in his annual address, has the following to say with regard to the success of the District Meetings held throughout the province:

"The work of the District Meetings this year was carried on as in the past few years with much enthusiasm, especially in the rural districts. The brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have come to look upon these meetings as a very necessary institution. Every district with one exception was visited both by myself and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate. It was a source of great regret to me that, owing to poor train service, I was unable to reach Maple Creek District, No. 11. The meetings this year were devoted particularly to the development of Masonic Research and Education and the instruction of lodge officers in the details of the routine business of the various lodges. M.W. Bro. Tate had charge of this part of the meetings and much valuable instruction was given which should end to further a greater co-ordination in the relations of the Grand Lodge office and the subordinate lodges. The brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have evinced a very live interest in the work of the Masonic Research and Education Committee. This interest was a revelation to me; and the results must have been very gratifying to those members of the Committee who were present at some of the meetings and who, I am sure, must realize that their endeavors are in no small measure being appreciated."

"At each of these meetings I had the privilege of stressing the needs and requirements of the Benevolent Fund of this Grand Lodge, and I find a most ready response to my solicitations and a very active interest being taken in this fund and its management by the members of the Craft. I fully anticipate that in the near future this fund will be large enough to take care of all the calls that may be made upon it and thus attain more nearly to the ideal constantly before us—by being able to deal with every call upon our charity with true Masonic benevolence."

M.W. Bro. Swain, in reply to a request for a ruling with regard to a member who had been elected to the office of Warden and who had not attended during the term, when asked if this brother would be eligible for election to the Master's chair, ruled as follows:

"Owing to the fact that the brother elected and installed to the Warden's chair did not resign and evidently no protest was put into the lodge by the members, I would rule that this brother is eligible to be included amongst those brethren qualified for election as Master."

Fitting reference was made to the death of R.W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, Past Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, who did so much to lay the foundation of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan in the early days.

Grand Lodge adopted the following recommendations of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges:

1. That before a dispensation is granted to form a lodge, the brethren be asked to raise by Charter Fee a minimum amount (exclusive of loans or dues paid in advance) as follows:

If a lodge is situated in a village or hamlet, \$200.00.

If in an incorporated town, \$400.00.

And if in a city, \$600.00.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry makes the following reference to District Meetings:

"We feel that this report would be incomplete without a reference to the district meetings which are held annually in each Masonic district. Every District Deputy is enthusiastic as to the benefits which are being derived from them, and your committee recognizes in them a means for promoting Masonic intercourse and the interchange of ideas on subjects involving the welfare of the Craft, which could not otherwise be attained. It is true that the holding of these meetings entails some expense, but we believe that their cost to Grand Lodge is amply repaid by the results accruing from them, and we would go so far as to recommend that even larger sums be spent in increasing their usefulness to the brethren, by procuring the services of capable men to address and discuss with them those Masonic problems which are increasingly attracting attention.

"In this connection it is to be remembered that Maçons remote from the larger centres, and these comprise the greater part of our membership, are to a considerable extent deprived of the advantages enjoyed by those residing in the larger towns and cities, and it should be the aim of Grand Lodge to make up to them by every means in its power those things which, from the nature of the geographical position, it is difficult for them to acquire unassisted. Especially is this the case when it is considered that upon these country members Masonry in Saskatchewan depends to a very great extent for the help and support without which it cannot hope to attain the fulfilment of those great objects for which it is striving."

The following statistics indicate the financial condition of this Grand Lodge:

	1925-26
Total unpaid dues, all lodges	\$ 41,828.70
Total cash in hand, all lodges.....	69,056.32
Total other assets, all lodges.....	282,644.85
Total assets, all lodges.....	\$393,529.87
Total liabilities, all lodges.....	61,737.02
Net assets, all lodges.....	331,792.85
Total number 12 months or more in arrears of dues.....	2,337
Total membership, exclusive of Commuted Life Members.....	13,091

During the year \$6,314.09 was devoted to relief purposes by the lodges.

A very complete and interesting report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence. In common with many other Grand Lodges he points out the neglect of a number of the lodges in not doing their share of benevolent work and relying upon Grand Lodge for financial aid. In this connection he says:

"It is the opinion of your trustees that a misconception still exists among some of the brethren, and indeed, among some lodges, in that the Benevolent Fund is intended to relieve the constituent lodge of all responsibility relative to furnishing assistance to the needy of their household.

"This fund was not designed and is not intended to assist all who need and deserve financial help, that is not possible or desirable; the

helpful hand would wither if deprived of the privilege of exercising local benevolence, and the brightest jewel in the Masonic crown would lose its luster by lack of use.

"The Constitution says: 'Grants made to a brother or to the widow, orphans and dependants of a deceased brother, are to be considered as supplementary to the relief given by the lodge recommending the application.'

"The logical interpretation of the Constitution would imply, emphasized by the teachings of Masonry, that this fund is only intended to furnish aid in isolated cases where the burden of caring for the needy brother, widow and orphan is too great to be borne by the constituent lodge and brethren. It is not designed to supplant local benevolence."

The retiring Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's set of regalia, an appreciation of his services during the year.

Number of charter lodges, 180. Total membership, 13,091. Net gain, 122.

S. Y. T.

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge held Quarterly Communications during the year.

At the Quarterly Communication held on the 4th day of November, it was unanimously resolved to recommend Grand Lodge to present a Past Grand Master's jewel to the Immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stair. It was further resolved to recommend that a bronze heraldic plate in commemoration of Lord Stair's term of office be affixed to one of the pillars of the hall.

On application, it was agreed to move Grand Lodge to grant a duplicate charter to Lodge Rising Star of Western India, Bombay, No. 342, the original having been destroyed by white ants.

The reports presented by the Provincial and District Grand Masters to Grand Lodge are full of interest. The following is an example:

"Linlithgowshire—Brother Robert A. Brown, M.A., Provincial Grand Master—The Rectory, Bathgate, 26th December, 1926.—I have the honour to forward, for the information of Grand Lodge, my annual report on the province. All the lodges have been visited and the books examined. Generally speaking, these are well kept. Neatness and accuracy are always enjoined; accuracy is obtained, while the neatness of the work of some officials is held up as an example to the others. A cordial welcome has always been extended to the office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge on the occasion of their visitation. The shadow of the Miners' Strike has fallen on seventy-five per cent. of the lodges of the province, and it will not be till the year 1927 is fairly well advanced that the lost ground will be regained. I congratulate these lodges on the brave way in which they have faced the situation. A pleasing feature in a number of lodges is the good attendance of Past Masters. In one or two instances a Past Masters' Night is held, all the offices being temporarily filled by brethren who have passed through the Chair. Disciplinary action, from which the province has been remarkably free for a long time, has had to be taken in more than one instance; the effect will be salutary. During the work of re-decorating the lodge room of Lodge Kirknewton and Ratho, No. 85, several pictures were revealed on the walls. These had been

hidden under several layers of wallpaper. The history of these has been the subject of much speculation, and the brethren of the lodge are anxious to get really reliable information about them. I have only to add that my Deputy Master and my Substitute Master, my Secretary and my Treasurer, have, as usual, given me unswerving support."

The Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire has the following to say with regard to the passing of Lieut.-Colonel Peter Spence:

"I regret to have to report the death of my Depute, Brother Lieut.-Colonel Peter Spence, V.D., J.P. Brother Lieut.-Colonel Spence was Junior Warden in Provincial Grand Lodge in 1890, and Senior Warden in 1893, and was Depute from 1910 until his death. He was very popular among the brethren, and his untiring energy and interest in Masonry was a source of strength to the province. For many years he never was absent from a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting or a lodge visitation."

This distinguished brother visited the City of Calgary some time ago and a number of our brethren had the privilege of becoming personally acquainted with him.

A committee of Grand Lodge was appointed to enquire into the position of the Order of the Eastern Star. The following are a few extracts from their complete report:

"There is no doubt that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in America still hold connection with Freemasonry essential.

"This matter was before the Grand Lodge of England in 1921, when it was decided that 'No Freemason is entitled to attend any non-Masonic meeting at which Masonry by direct implication is introduced, or to participate in any ceremony which is quasi-Masonic or is held under some pseudo-Masonic and unauthorized auspices. The Secretary, or any member of a lodge, who gives to any one outside, and particularly to a non-Mason, information on Masonic matters known to him because of his Masonic connection commits a breach of discipline which, when proved, will be severely dealt with.'

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland also at a meeting in 1922 passed the following resolution:

"No member of any lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall be a member of or attend any meeting of any body or society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such bodies as are included in the calendar published annually by the authority of Grand Lodge. If any lodge or member of a lodge shall give any information as to the standing of a member in reply to an enquiry from any such non-recognized body, it shall be deemed to be unmasonic conduct and may be dealt with accordingly.

"In 1923 the Grand Lodge of Canada refused an official application for recognition of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"The Committee have given much consideration to the question of what action, if any, should be taken by Grand Lodge in connection with this matter. In view of the fact that for over fifty years they have permitted their members without question to join the Order of the Eastern Star it is not thought that it would be reasonable to immediately debar them. In the opinion of the Committee the Order of the Eastern Star has been long enough in existence to stand on the foundation it has built without any suggested patrimonial support

from other organizations with which they have no connection. In fact, they claim that they are an internal organization, not connected with any other secret order.

"The Committee consider that a certain time might be given to the Order of the Eastern Star to alter their Constitution in such a way that no reference be made to their having any connection with Freemasonry, and that there be no necessity for the presence of a Master Mason at their ceremonies, and failing their doing so within a reasonable time, then we could adopt other methods to prohibit Freemasons from using their connection with the Masonic Craft as an essential ground for their connection with the Order of the Eastern Star."

S. Y. T.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina met in the Masonic Temple, Charleston, March 10 and 11, 1926, for the one hundred and eighty-ninth annual Communication, with Grand Master C. K. Chreitzberg presiding. What a maturity those one hundred and eighty-eight years represent, and yet vigor and youth are quite evident when 271 lodges out of a total of 288 were represented. We bow in respect and veneration.

The Grand Master had just returned from the 1926 annual meeting in Alexandria, Va., of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association where he had viewed the progress of work on the Memorial Building. Naturally much of his address is descriptive of the edifice, the more outstanding features being as follows:

The foundation of the building rests on a "floating mat" of reinforced concrete, designed to float the structure to a solid resting place, should the clay of the hill become soft and start to slip. The mat is designed to transmit equal pressure on every square foot of ground under the structure. In some places it is two feet thick and in others it is fourteen, according to the requirements of the load at that point.

In the Memorial Hall are eight columns of green Missouri marble, six feet through and forty feet high, surmounted by six capitals beautifully carved and ornamented, which support the tower or upper stories. No structural steel is used; the building is wholly of masonry and concrete, and is designed to be as permanent as human ingenuity can devise.

The Amphitheatre is a reproduction of the best in the old Roman designs. It will have no seats, but the concrete terraces or steps lined with marble will provide seating for about one thousand. Rooms are being prepared so that lodges, chapters, commanderies and consistories may use the building at the same time without interference or confusion.

One of the most notable adornments will be a block of limestone three feet long by two and a half feet high and about two feet thick, hewn from the same quarries from which stone for King Solomon's Temple was taken. The Grand Master explained that from the very nature of the stone wooden mauls were the proper implements to use in setting such stones as a metallic tool would have defaced, if not demolished them. The architects declare that it will take five years to complete the building at a cost of \$4,000,000. An endowment fund of \$1,500,000 is to be raised, the interest of which will be used to operate and care for the building.

Some of the Grand Master's decisions:

1. Where lodge by-laws include December 27th as a regular communication and that date falls on Sunday it does not automatically carry over to December 28th as that would be an extra or special communication. (The reviewer would like to ask why not provide in the by-laws for such contingencies which arise every few years?)

2. Ruled that an installed officer cannot be granted a demit should he remove from the jurisdiction.

3. Asked if a member of an investigating committee can be changed at the last minute in order to ballot at that meeting. Held that if the personnel of the committee is changed, the petition has been referred to a new committee and must lie over.

The Education Committee recommended and Grand Lodge adopted a resolution creating a special committee to outline an educational program and authorizing the Grand Master to appoint an Educational Director on full time work to co-operate in carrying out. The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to finance the program.

Fortunate indeed was Grand Lodge in having as an honored guest Bro. J. Fort Newton, editor-in-chief of the *Master Mason* magazine and well known author of "The Builders." He addressed the assembly, speaking of the aims of the Masonic Service Association and dwelt at some length upon the need for masonic education. We quote him as follows:

"Nothing outside of the home and the House of God has ever made such an impression upon me as the first degree of Freemasonry. I have yet to find anything more beautiful than the Entered Apprentice degree when it has been given by men in whose lives it has been fulfilled." He then proceeded to explain his personal disappointment when he was admitted into the order on finding so little information available to the young Mason explaining what it was all about and why certain things were done and how Masonry came by her teachings. We now quote him further:

"Men who are admitted to our mysteries want to know something about Masonry, and want to do something with it. Out of such a need has grown this movement that Masons must know more about Masonry, and they must do more with their Masonry. Such a need led to the organization of the National Masonic Research Society.

"If Masonry is ever diverted or perverted—if our Craft should ever be turned aside to the right or the left from its course of wise, constructive service to mankind, it will be by brothers who do not know the purposes of Masonry. They do not know what Masonry has been, and they may learn something different from what it has been. In different parts of the country good and true Masons have been attempting to use Masonry for ends, which, if it becomes the common habit of the Craft, will destroy it. It will never do to use Masonry as a weapon to fight anything. Masonry is not to divide men but to help them to discover one another."

South Carolina Masons are doing a splendid work in the matter of benevolence. Their benevolent fund stands at \$136,823.21. During the past year the following amounts were contributed to the relief of 41 orphans in orphanages \$6,075.00, 43 not in orphanages \$4,600.00, 71 Master Masons \$10,645.00 and 67 widows \$10,690.00.

Membership 29,503. Lodges, 288.
Grand Master Charlton Durant.

V. H. M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-second Communication, June 8th and 9th, 1926, at Yankton.

John K. Ketnewsky, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

174 lodges, including 4 U.D. 19,632 members. Gain, 336.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master in his report was called upon to refer to the death of three Past Grand Masters, and a fitting tribute was paid to each. Three new lodges were constituted, two corner-stones laid, and six Masonic Temples dedicated. We heartily agree with the Grand Master that it speaks well for Masonry that so many temples are being erected and devoted to Masonic uses only. The "perfect youth" rule seems to obtain in South Dakota, according to a decision of the Grand Master. Complaint is made that the work in some of the lodges varies considerably from the adopted work, this being probably the result of forbidden keys being used. To remedy this the recommendation is made that schools of instruction be arranged for, and that the three principal officers at least of the lodges that are not posted in the work be required to commit it.

As a result of a decision taken by the Grand Lodge in 1924, medals are being presented to all Masons who have been members of the Fraternity for fifty years. To the surprise of the Grand Secretary fifty-six have already been issued, and nine more have been applied for. A splendid record for a Grand Lodge only fifty-two years old.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals dealt with nineteen matters.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Chas. S. Hall, delivered a splendid address, taking as his topic "Leaders of Light." The whole matter shows very careful and thoughtful preparation. We would like to quote from it, but space forbids. We have enjoyed reading it, and also re-reading it.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence fell chiefly to Bro. Arthur H. Tufts, as Brother Brockway was called away by death in the midst of his work. Bro. Tufts seems a trifle dubious in his foreword as to "extraneous organizations," such as Job's Daughters, Sunshine Sisters, and Jean d'Arcs, but has a good word for the De Molays. It is quite possible to make a distinction, we think.

Alberta is accorded a place in the Review, and sympathetic reference made to our problems.

C. V. B.

TEXAS

Ninety-first Annual Communication held at Waco, December 1st and 2nd, 1926.

In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Ed. R. Bryan, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was welcomed to the City of Waco by Bro. E. E. McAdams, City Manager of Waco, and the musical service was given by the Waco Masonic Choir. Among the Grand Representatives welcomed by the Grand Master, Alberta was not included, no representative having been appointed. This has since been done and Bro. David Doole, Jr., of Brady, will represent Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

A feature of the opening reception was the honoring of Masons of more than fifty years' standing and then of a group of more than forty years' standing. A kindly welcome was extended by the Grand Master and suitable felicitations exchanged.

The Grand Master's address contains a very great amount of matter and he must have been indeed a busy man to cover the field so ably.

Some of his decisions are of interest:

"That the White Shrine should not be permitted to use the lodge room."

"That when the Senior Warden's office is vacant, it should be filled pro tem. by the Worshipful Master, and the Junior Warden should occupy his own station."

Regarding the use of the Masonic connection for commercial and political purposes, the Grand Master says:

"I plead with the brethren to stop and think before they use their Masonry for political or commercial purposes, thus violating their obligations and bringing Masonry into disrepute."

Again:

"There seems to be a tendency creeping into all organizations, as an organization, to correct political and other evils, so prevalent at the present time. Such actions are foreign to Masonry, as a body, to attempt a political, ecclesiastical or other reformation. Masons should ever be ready to correct all evil tendencies that are calculated to bring reproach and harm upon their community, state or nation, but they must do it as individuals and not within the walls of a Masonic Lodge."

Among his recommendations we find:

"It seems to me we are getting too many side organizations attached to our Masonry; too many side lines to attract the attention of our members from the real objects and purposes of Masonry; I therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution by Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, that no Master Mason under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall promote, organize or become a member of any order or fraternal society, hereafter established in this jurisdiction, whose qualification for membership is based upon being a Master Mason, unless such order or fraternal society shall have received the sanction or endorsement of Grand Lodge."

The address of the Grand Orator is one of the ablest it has been our pleasure to read. In common with influential brethren in other jurisdictions he is searching for reasons for the apparent halt in the march of Masonic progress. Among other things he says:

"It (Masonry) is an institution which demands of its members that earnest solicitude which will maintain it before the world as a haven for those of lofty ideals and purposes. We are prone to comfort ourselves with the palliative excuse that quality rather than quantity of membership is to be desired, as the information is given year after year that the number of our initiates is less than we anticipate. Let us not deceive ourselves. Are we, by precept and example, living our Masonry in a manner that commends our Fraternity to those to whom we desire it to be attractive?"

Of Past Masters, so often missing in Lodge when their turn of active service is complete, he remarks:

"A Past Master without influence in his lodge is an impossibility, and I believe that he who has ruled over his lodge in an acceptable

manner for twelve months and returned the office unsullied to the lodge which has honored him with the greatest gift in its power, ought to possess the manhood to direct his influence toward serving his lodge in the best and most unselfish way possible, else he is not keeping the faith."

In his conclusion he makes this appeal for a thorough understanding of our ideals and purpose:

"I believe that the crying need of the times is for brethren who will find it in their hearts to equip themselves with a well-rounded knowledge of the mystic art and with such a consecration of purpose as will make them concerned not only for the character of Freemasonry, but also for its reputation. I believe that we should foster every effort from whatever source which has for its object a better understanding of our ideals."

A feature of the Texas Report is a statement of the condition of Masonry in Mexico and will be useful if we are again called upon to recognize Masonic bodies in that country of which we, in the North, are not in a position to have full information.

Voluminous statistics of the Lodges and their membership, separate reports of the successful Masonic Home and Schools and a Review of Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta is given a generous share, complete a very handsome volume.

M. A. Childers, San Antonio, Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.'

UTAH

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication, January 19th and 20th, 1926, Salt Lake City.

Benjamin R. Howell, Grand Master.

S. H. Goodwin, Grand Secretary.

25 lodges. 4,818 members. Gain, 84.

Alberta was represented by Bro. A. E. Eberhardt.

The Grand Master was able to report that he had visited every constituent lodge of the jurisdiction, and at each visitation there was a good attendance, which, as he remarks, always makes for enthusiasm. In common with Alberta, however, the attendance in the afternoon is not all that could be desired, doubtless due to pressure of business. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints does not receive differential treatment as distinguished from the Mormon Church. A revision of the Code was recommended, as was also rehearsing the funeral ceremonies to the end that a better impression may be given when they are performed in public. Comment was made on the disclosure of Masonic affairs to non-Masons, and the want of circumspection severely censured. General conditions were reported as satisfactory, and peace, harmony and prosperity, generally speaking, prevailed.

The Report of the Grand Secretary referred to the satisfactory manner in which the examination in the catechism of the Third Degree,

recommended at the previous meeting, was being carried out, the returns showing almost 100 per cent efficiency.

The Historical section, with pictures of the first three buildings which housed the Masonic forbears in Salt Lake City, is very interesting, and indeed unique among the reports that come to our desk for review.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Sam H. Goodwin, Past Grand Master, whose picture appears before the report. Of all the reports that come to us none is more welcome than that of Bro. Goodwin. Classical quotations, Biblical references, trenchant criticism, independent judgments, are all found therein, with a kindly spirit pervading all. In his foreword to his report he breaks a lance with those who declaim about the beginning of Masonry being "coeval with the dawn of creation," or as "existing before the morning stars sang together." And very properly so, in our opinion. Our enthusiasm for things Masonic should not let us permit our reason to be dethroned altogether, as apparently some have done that have come under review by Bro. Goodwin. A few words about the "Ancient Landmarks" are promised in his next review, and the writer, who has given this subject some study, can only hope that he may be there to see when this appears.

Alberta is given generous notice. He disapproves of our brutal habit of publishing the full names of those figuring in the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and suggests that it savours too much of the day when the heads of criminals were displayed on pikes over the city walls. Possibly, but our Brother should remember that the British method of dealing with criminals tends to making a thorough job of the matter, and everyone, including the accused, knows who was being dealt with and what was done by the time the matter is wound up.

C. V. B.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Vermont convened in its rooms in the Masonic Temple, City of Burlington, on Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 1926.

At the roll call there were present 16 officers of the Grand Lodge, 23 permanent members, 13 District Deputy Grand Masters and 225 Representatives of 80 subordinate lodges. 23 lodges were not represented.

As distinguished visitors there were M.W. Bro. Arthur N. Nash, Grand Master of Connecticut; R.W. Bro. Benjamin F. Havens, Grand Junior Warden, the personal representative of the Grand Master of New Jersey; M.W. Bro. Frank E. Sayrs, P.G.M. of New Jersey; and R.W. Bro. Donald G. Sargent, also of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. They were duly introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East and according to minutes, "Each of these brethren later in the session addressed the Grand Lodge in terms both witty and wise and received hearty applause."

Grand Master Crowell rejoices in the fact that the Grand Lodge meets with its official ranks unbroken by death.

He was very much impressed with the annual meeting of the Grand Lecturer for the instruction of the District Deputy Grand Masters to

which all interested are invited. He suggests that the regular mileage and per diem allowance be paid to any Master who will attend with his Wardens, but the Finance Committee disagreed with this.

He attended all the District Meetings and says, "All in all, they were a very satisfactory series and the attendance and interest displayed were a pleasure to behold."

Vermont has a by-law which says that if a lodge is not represented, make due returns or pay its dues and assessments for two successive years its charter shall be forfeited. This caused the Grand Master to look up the record and what he found was quite interesting. We cannot give the whole list he gave, but will mention some.

One lodge has been represented twice in thirteen years. Another once by the J.W. in eleven years. One, once in ten years. Twelve lodges had sent their masters once in five years. One lodge has not been represented in six, another seven, and another in eight years.

It seems that the law had been interpreted "that the penalty seems to be for the joint and several causes named in the by-law."

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers strongly recommend that the incoming Grand officers forcibly impress upon the lodges greater loyalty to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master points out another law which is sometimes violated. This provides that before the W.M. elect can be installed he must receive the Past Master's degree. He recommends that this law be enforced and the Committee on Jurisprudence heartily approved of the recommendation.

The petition forms for initiation adopted by Grand Lodge for use in subordinate lodges did not meet the approval as expected so that the same was modified on the recommendation of the Grand Master.

\$200.00 was voted to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

Vermont has paid its full assessment of one dollar per capita to the George Washington Memorial and made provision that until the project is completed each initiate should pay a like amount.

Last year a committee was appointed to enquire into and report on the advisability of affiliation with the Masonic Service Association. The report of this committee, which fully sets out the objects of the association and the benefits to be derived from joining, was received and action deferred until next meeting.

The question of allowing the use of lodge rooms for the Order De Molay was the subject of an extended report by the Jurisprudence Committee. They fully go into the history and what it aims to accomplish. A resolution was carried permitting such use.

Under the head of Decisions the Grand Master met with what appeared a conflict between a ruling adopted in 1910 and one made in 1922.

To understand the case it seems necessary to quote both of these rulings.

That of 1910 says:

"No petition to be made a Mason should be received from one previously rejected in another Grand Jurisdiction within five years after

such rejection, until the rejecting lodge has by unanimous ballot waived its claim of jurisdiction."

The ruling of 1922 is:

"According to this by-law (referring to article 23) it is clear the petitioner cannot be initiated if he moves outside the Jurisdiction between the time of preferring such petition and the time for initiation without consent from the lodge into whose Jurisdiction he has moved."

There is a custom general in the New England states of retaining jurisdiction over rejected candidates for five years. In the case at bar a petitioner about a year after rejection in a Vermont lodge moves to Massachusetts. He then petitioned to the Vermont lodge. The Grand Master was then asked to get waiver of jurisdiction from Massachusetts. He ruled that as Vermont had jurisdiction over the petitioner for five years, Massachusetts could have no jurisdiction over him and that this was an exception to the ruling of 1922 so that there was no need of a waiver of jurisdiction. The petition was accepted and he became a Vermont Mason.

The Grand Master recommended that the by-law be amended so that there will be no doubt, and Vermont should be placed in the same standing as the other Grand Jurisdiction and that jurisdiction should be retained on rejected candidate for five years.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, could not approve of the Grand Master's ruling. They held that the ruling of 1910 "does not give the Vermont lodge jurisdiction to confer the degrees during the five years; but is a prohibition upon the candidate receiving such degrees during that time."

As they put it in another way, "The situation now being that if a candidate is rejected in Vermont and keeps his residence in Vermont, he may petition again after the expiration of one year. While if he is rejected in Vermont and then moves into another jurisdiction, he cannot petition again for five years without the unanimous consent of the rejecting lodge."

In their opinion "Vermont loses jurisdiction of a candidate instantly upon such candidate abandoning his Vermont residence."

They recommended that the ruling of 1910 be abrogated.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Grand Master recommended that Masonic Trials be conducted by commission and a notice of a resolution was given to make the necessary changes in the by-laws. There is no doubt but that trial by Commission is a much more satisfactory method of procedure than trial by the lodge.

Vermont does not permit plural membership within or without. The Grand Master recommends that this rule be changed so as to permit a Vermont Mason who removes to another Grand Jurisdiction to join a lodge in his new home and not forfeit his membership in Vermont. The committee on Doings of Grand Officers sanctions this recommendation and a resolution was submitted to make the necessary change. This will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Under the heading of "Work by other than Vermont Lodges" the Grand Master frowns upon a lodge from another jurisdiction conferring a degree on a Vermont candidate in a Vermont lodge and suggests that

if the visitors want a real candidate they can bring one. As the work differs in different jurisdictions, the candidate gets a mixture of two jurisdictions. He says this is the opinion of five Grand Masters, near neighbors of Vermont.

This hits right at the heart of courtesy degrees, for, if the candidate on whom the visitors work gets a hotch-potch, so will the candidate who gets his degrees by courtesy have even less of the work in his own jurisdiction, for in many cases he gets two degrees, and even in some cases all three degrees, in a ritual which may be different from that of his mother lodge.

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers in their report have this to say on degrees by courtesy:

"We fail to see why courtesies should not be interchangeable so that requests for confirming degrees after the entered apprentice should not be permissible. No harm can result from such procedure. Vermont should join hands with our neighbors in such fraternal acts." The Grand Master earlier in his address, when speaking of courtesy degrees, does not object. He rather approves, but recommends that E. A. degree should be conferred by the lodge accepting the petition.

We think that a large percentage of the courtesy degrees conferred never should have been permitted.

Bro. Crowell's concluding words of an admirable address are:

"Life's a rough road and a steep road
And it stretches wide and far,
But it leads at last to a golden town,
Where golden houses are."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals found nothing to need their attention and so reported.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M., and is exceedingly well written and makes excellent reading.

The proceedings of Alberta for 1925 is carefully reviewed.

The Grand Secretary reports 103 chartered lodges in the jurisdiction and each reported work in the past year.

Number of Masons, 18,942, a gain of 260.

Frederick H. Babbitt was elected M.W. Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross was re-elected Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

VICTORIA

Four Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year 1926.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1926, M.W. Bro. His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke retired from the office of Grand Master, as he was returning to England upon the expiration of his term as Governor, but attended at this Communication and obligated, addressed and installed his successor, M.W. Bro. W. P. Bice.

At the Quarterly Communication in December, 1926, M.W. W. P. Bice retired from the office of Grand Master, and was succeeded by the new State Governor, His Excellency Lord Somers.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master, in his valedictory address to Grand Lodge briefly reviews the progress

of the lodge during his ten years of office. The total membership, which in March, 1922, on his first installation as Grand Master, was 27,000, was at the expiration of his term 43,000; that the funds of Grand Lodge had increased from less than £100,000 to over £145,000; and that since 1889 over £57,000 have been expended under the heading of benevolence. Thirty-two new Lodges were consecrated during the previous year.

M.W. Bro. W. P. Bice in his address says in part:

"Particularly would I again refer to bodies who masquerade under Masonic titles, such as Co-Masonry and The Order of the Eastern Star, and caution brethren against any association with them. For the benefit, particularly of young Masters, who may be ignorant of former pronouncements, I would ask them to warn their members against taking part or even visiting any of these so-called Masonic bodies, which have no connection with true Freemasonry."

He also strongly resents the suggestion that Freemasonry should be used in politics. He believes that only Craft jewels should be used in Craft lodges and strongly deprecates the wearing of Masonic emblems otherwise.

He expresses himself as to new members in the following words:

"It is far better to make Freemasons by the hundred rather than members by the thousand. It is better to erect a strong fence at the top of the cliff than to maintain an ambulance at the bottom."

The Grand Master makes a special communication to Grand Lodge objecting to the practice of permitting non-Masons, including ladies and children, to inspect the lodge room on occasions when social functions are held and states that such a practice is most undesirable. He also points out that the practice of the United Grand Lodge of England should be followed in wearing the apron outside the coat, except in the case of a full dress coat.

The Grand Master asks for more restraint by the lodges and "less manufacturing and making of Freemasons than has been the case of late years."

Board of General Purposes

The Board suspended a brother from all Masonic rights and privileges for a period of twelve months on the ground of unmasonic conduct in having in the course of a lecture delivered by him at a Masonic lodge held up to ridicule certain portions of the ritual, "such conduct being calculated to undermine the respect for and lessen the sense of the seriousness and solemnity of the obligations contained therein." On appeal from this decision the matter was referred back to the Board of General Purposes for further consideration.

The Master of a lodge was admonished for permitting the attendance of wives and lady friends with members at the banquet board at a regular meeting.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the activities of some Craft lodges were being published, which is contrary to the Constitution.

The Board has found the present system of boarding out the children to the widows or guardian of orphan children quite satisfactory, and up to the present all demands in this direction have been met by the Board.

405 lodges. 44,793 members.

The Proceedings contains a copy of the Report of Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta receives a generous notice.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Player Bice.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.S.G.W.

E. T. B.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Richmond on February 9, 1926. M.W. Bro. Charles H. Callahan, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Callahan begins one of the most eloquent and impressive addresses it has been my privilege to read during the past year with these significant words:

"To the observant and critical mind speculative Freemasonry, which began in a distinct sense with the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, furnishes the most remarkable record of achievement in the history of temporal institutions. Born in an humble environment and in an age of dire superstition it has come down to us through the turbulent and transitory scenes of two centuries bearing a message of hope and good will towards men. Conscious of its exalted mission, with a righteous contempt for its traducers and clothed in the mantle of high purpose, it stands out in all lands where religious freedom obtains among the leading benefactors of mankind outside of the church of God. It challenges no man's political or religious affiliations, wages no campaign for supremacy among its contemporary fraternal orders and in an exemplification of its cardinal virtues and a conservative application of true benevolence seeks to render unselfish service to the cause of humanity."

Every Grand Lodge is endeavoring by some method or other to advance the cause of Masonic education within their territorial limits. In this connection Grand Master Callahan says:

"In some localities in Virginia I have found a marked deficiency in Masonic education of almost every character and particularly in the ritualistic work. How to overcome these embarrassing conditions, so far as they relate to the ritual, without excessive cost to the Grand Lodge, is a problem which demands and to some extent has received our serious consideration. When we consider the size of Virginia and the scattered condition of its outlying lodges and then compare our facilities for teaching the work with other jurisdictions we can perhaps in a measure realize the utter futility of our present plan and how utterly impossible it is for our Grand Lecturer and his five assistants or division lecturers (who as they receive only small compensation necessarily operate in confined limits) to keep the jurisdiction up to a proper standard of proficiency. North Carolina with fewer lodges and a smaller Masonic population more compactly located than ours has nine paid Grand Lecturers constantly employed to teach the ritual and one additional, Professor Wicker, of Elon College, devoted a part of his time to giving instructions on symbolism. Tennessee with a Masonic population about the same as Virginia, has three regular

Grand Lecturers and I am informed is not satisfied with this limited number. A large number of other jurisdictions in addition to those named have taken advanced steps to improve their ritualistic conditions and in this Maryland perhaps leads the way and has for years. We, perhaps, in a measure fail to consider the important fact that Virginia has considerably more than doubled her Masonic population in the last fifteen years while we have made absolutely no preparation to meet the increased demands for instruction. It is therefore a matter of great importance that we settle on some practical system or plan to co-ordinate our forces and call all available talent to active service as teachers. We have held several meetings of the District Deputies which will be later referred to more extensively. At these meetings much valuable information concerning this particular subject was obtained. After carefully weighing all the testimony as it were I am convinced, and in this opinion the Grand Lecturer concurs, that we must do one of two things if we wish to improve our ritualistic condition and maintain it at a high standard and that no time must be lost in adopting one or the other of these plans. We must either employ regular paid assistants to the present Grand Lecturer at large expense or establish schools in the various districts and urge the lodges to send at least their stationed officers to these schools of instruction."

This Grand Lodge has adopted the following method of securing qualified brethren to deliver Masonic addresses: Each District Deputy Grand Master is asked to recommend to the Grand Master two Master Masons in his district who, if approved by the Grand Master, are appointed by him as Masonic speakers for one year. We have found a similar method successful in our own jurisdiction and providing the selections are carefully and wisely made, it should meet with success in any Grand Jurisdiction. The expenses in connection with these speakers is met, of course, by the lodge making the request.

With reference to the benevolent work so successfully carried out by this Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Callahan has the following to say:

"You have erected and with unstinted liberality are now maintaining a noble refuge for the dependent orphans of brother Masons. You are now contributing and will continued to contribute until a sufficient sum has been raised for the erection and endowment of an Old Folks' Home and sanitarium for the care of our tubercular afflicted. Indeed you have caught the vision of true service to mankind in every laudable field of Masonic effort and in doing this you have become the benefactors not only of this generation of Masons and those dear to them, but of an unborn posterity who will be the grateful beneficiaries of your unselfish generosity. Is it fair then that the profane should be admitted into the household of our institution with all its manifold blessings and benefactions without the slightest pecuniary consideration to our Grand Lodge for their erection and continued maintenance and support? The moment a man becomes a Master Mason or is accepted as a member by dimit, either from this or a foreign jurisdiction, he has a just claim not only upon the lodge in which he is made a member, but upon every benefaction of the Grand Lodge. From prattling innocent childhood to venerable and helpless old age the mantle of sympathy and the strong arm of a great organization is thrown around him and those that are dear to him for protection and security in all stages of life.

"In view of this I earnestly recommend that a fee of ten dollars be collected from every man raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason."

In conclusion he says:

"I believe that Virginia Masonry is on the eve of a great revival which will be manifest not so much by increasing numbers or the accumulation of physical wealth, but in the growing spirit of benevolence which counts for more than numbers, cannot be computed in dollars and cents or reckoned by the standard of material benefits alone. It is indeed a basic and fundamental element of our order transcendent in its beauty and immortal in its nature."

A complete rostrum of the officers and members of the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction is given in the Annual Proceedings. We sometimes wonder if it is worth the cost and labor entailed.

We are pleased to find our esteemed M.W. Bro. J. W. Egglestone still chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His reviews make very interesting reading. He gives us the benefit of his wide experience on Masonic matters. In his review of Alberta for the year 1925, he quotes in full the address of M.W. Bro. (Dr.) Thornton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Honorary P.G.M. of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Total membership, 47,331. Net gain, 1,770.

S. Y. T.

WASHINGTON

Sixty-ninth Annual Communication, June 15, 16 and 17, 1926, Spokane.

Morton Gregory, Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary.

268 lodges. 46,409 members. Gain, 1,629.

Immediately after the opening ceremonies the "Stars and Stripes" was escorted to a place of honor in the East, and duly saluted, after which the brethren sang "America."

The report of the Grand Master is remarkable, alike for the record of achievement that it contains and for the lofty note that is struck. We have not read the records of previous Grand Masters, but we do not think that M.W. Bro. Gregory need protest his lack of genius possessed by his predecessors in office.

In regard to his achievements we note that the Grand Master attended 151 lodge meetings, delivered 126 addresses, attended 95 banquets (almost two per week, a marvel), and travelled nearly 25,000 miles. Noteworthy also is the fact that he made approximately 150 calls on aged and infirm Masons residing outside the Home. This is a splendid record.

Four new Lodges were constituted by the Grand Master personally. Six dispensations were granted to form new lodges. Eight cornerstones were laid during the year.

The Grand Master comments on the apparent disrespect for law and order observable among a certain element of the people, chiefly among those whose highest allegiance is pledged to powers not native to American soil. He urges all Masons to obey **all law**—not merely those laws which they, individually, may approve. A very sound proposition.

The Grand Master cannot say that all is well with the Craft, as, in his opinion, it is not. The cause lies chiefly in the fact that sufficient discrimination has not been exercised in receiving candidates for membership. Under the stress of patriotic emotion they had failed to fan the wheat sown when Mars was in the ascendancy. The result is that thistles overshadow the golden grain in the Masonic harvest fields. He strongly recommends greater vigilance on the part of Masons in advocating candidates, as well as on the part of investigating Committees. Glaring instances of these Committees shirking their responsibilities are given. If such practices obtain in his jurisdiction to any extent, then the warning of the Grand Master is very timely and pertinent. Nothing but trouble, as he points out, can result, unless care is exercised at the beginning.

The need of Masonic education is stressed, and among the means suggested is the reading the reports of other Grand Jurisdictions. We strongly support this suggestion.

The Grand Master's recommendations, even although several of them were not adopted by the Grand Lodge, show that careful and serious consideration had been given by him to the problems of his high office.

The Grand Master's report is, to employ one of his own phrases, almost *facile princeps* in its breadth of view, loftiness of thought, and deep human sympathy, and furnishes the best evidence of the advantages of reading the records of foreign jurisdictions as a means of Masonic education. In this connection we would like to mention also the oration delivered by the Grand Master in substitution of that of the Grand Orator, who was unavoidably absent.

The review of the foreign correspondence is the work of M.W. Bro. Edwin H. Van Patten, and is one of the best that has come to our notice. Every report is given full review, and Alberta is not overlooked.

C. V. B.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia for the year ending May, 1926.

Among the matters dealt with in the Grand Master's Address was the matter of special applications for dispensations to initiate candidates under age. He was opposed to granting such dispensations except in very exceptional circumstances. He refers to the fact that there are still lodges in Western Australia who have not united with Grand Lodge. He mentions that since the organization of that Grand Lodge they have disbursed in charity over \$132,000.00 and that their joint Benevolent Funds have in reserve over \$188,000.00. The accumulated funds of Grand Lodge increased during the year over \$15,000.00, and he points out with pleasure the fact that for the **twenty-fourth** year in succession the books of Grand Lodge had been closed without there being a single lodge in arrears. The Grand Master draws the attention of the brethren to the impropriety of discussing Masonic matters in the presence of non-Masons. He also draws attention to the large amount of arrears of dues outstanding by the subordinate lodges and suggests that big arrears usually indicate poor management.

R.W. Bro. A. C. McCallum, M.B.E., Dep. G.M., makes some very interesting comments on his attendance at the Bi-Centennial Celebra-

tions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Prior to the delegates assembling at the Freemasons' Hall the whole building was guarded by police, who remained at their posts until the services had been completed. He refers to Masonic Emblems having been found in Ireland dated 1507.

The Board of General Purposes presented a special report re the Australian Masonic Conference held in Adelaide in April, 1926. It was only after a lengthy discussion that a resolution was passed affirming the desirability of uniformity of signs, tokens and words in the various Degrees. The same apparently is true as to the motion re the uniformity of ritual. At this Conference the following resolution was passed dealing with the limitation of membership of lodges: "That it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their members."

All of the delegates to the Conference made a special reference to the position of Scotch Freemasons who held life membership tickets which cost them as a rule little over \$5.00, which is less than half the average subscription to the lodge in Australia. The Conference disapproved of the practice.

Among the amendments to the Constitution the following is of interest:

"A brother convicted of a crime by a Court of competent jurisdiction may, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Board of General Purposes and without notice be declared by Grand Lodge expelled from Freemasonry."

In the reports of the District Inspectors (corresponding to our District Deputies) we note the case of one incoming Master of a lodge, who will have to travel some 500 miles in attending lodge meetings, which he proposes to do twice a month. We quote the following at length from the Report of V.W. Bro. Scanton, one of the District Inspectors, in reference to the financial qualifications of proposed candidates:

"I considered it my duty, on one occasion, to remind the brethren of the necessity for enquiring closely into the financial position of prospective candidates. Freemasonry, which, essentially, is not a Benefit Society, must be regarded as a luxury and applicants whose worldly prospects are not stabilised, should be taught that their duty towards their dependents is to be seriously considered before they can obtain admission to our ranks. Viewed from another angle, Freemasons who, owing to a premature admission to our Order, are likely to become a financial burden upon the brethren, will most certainly prove a strain upon the resources of the lodge."

In the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, suggestion is made that the Master select certain members who would read such extracts from the Reviews as appear to them as being of interest, such as portions of Grand Masters' addresses, important Masonic decisions, interesting articles, etc., followed by a general discussion and that by this means the brethren would get a mass of useful information which they could not acquire from any other source.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, extending over 170 pages, includes the kindly review of the Alberta Proceedings for 1925 and is most interesting.

I conclude this Review by an extract from the address of the M.W. the Grand Master upon his re-election to that high office:

"I thoroughly believe that we have done a great deal of good in the years that are passed in helping to form friendships, and helping

those who are lonely, in helping people to be friendly, and in helping people to live good, straight-forward and honest lives in their time and generation. So I shall never regret as long as I live the time that I have given up to Freemasonry."

Number of lodges, 122. Total membership, 7,270. Net gain, 400.

M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Martinsburg, on November 10, 1926. M.W. Bro. A. B. C. Bray, Grand Master.

W. Bro. Frank G. Flaig, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, was present.

In the introductory remarks of the annual address of M.W. Bro. Bray, he says:

"Freemasonry, with the exception of the Church of God, stands out as the leading benefactor of mankind. It does not attempt to usurp the place of any religious sect, yet its ideals are so lofty that it condemns and frequently punishes offences which are not cognizable by civil law nor condemned by public opinion. If one of the profane were to ask me 'What is the ground upon which Masonry stands?' I would unhesitatingly answer: 'First, Belief in and reverence for a Supreme Architect of the Universe. Second, Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Upon these two tenets or principles hang all the teachings of Masonry."

The corner stones of eleven buildings were laid either by M.W. Bro. Bray or his representative, during the past Masonic year. He was requested by seven different congregations to lay the corner stones of their respective churches on Sunday, but declined each of these requests. In this connection he says:

"Upon first thought these repeated refusals may appear arbitrary; but, in my opinion, the laying of corner stones on the Sabbath is an innovation and contrary to a very essential section of the instruction or lecture in the Second Degree; 'In six days God created the Heavens, the Earth and all things contained therein, and rested on the seventh. The seventh, therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors, thereby enjoying frequent and stated opportunities to contemplate the glorious works of Creation and to adore their great Creator.' The above quotation is not original in this State, or even in the United States. It is taken verbatim, from the Prestonian lectures which were accepted by our English brethren previous to 1772. As there is little or no authentic Masonic history extant which was written previous to 1717, the Prestonian lectures must, therefore be classed with our earliest Masonic documents.

"The examination of Masonic literature, in addition to the above, has also led me to believe that the laying of corner stones on the Sabbath is contrary to ancient Masonic customs."

We concur with the action taken by Grand Master Bray in this connection.

A certain candidate having petitioned a lodge for initiation on two different occasions and rejected in both instances, petitioned a second lodge for the mysteries of Freemasonry and was duly elected and received the three degrees in the latter lodge. He, however, failed to state in his petition that he had been rejected by the former lodge. The M.W. the Grand Master therefore declared this brother to be an irregularly made Mason without any Masonic standing whatsoever and ordered that his name be stricken from the roll by the lodge and that the lodge return to him all fees and dues paid by him to the lodge.

M.W. Bro. Bray referred at some length to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, the object of which is to relieve tubercular Masons and their dependants, it matters not in what State they may be found, and to institute an educational campaign which shall be national and the object of which shall be the prevention of the spread of this dreadful malady. A special committee was appointed by the Grand Master to investigate the above matter fully and make report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M.W. Bro. L. N. Tavenner. His report includes a very interesting review of Alberta for the year 1926, in which he makes interesting reference to the efficient work done by M.W. Bro. Kemmis, a member of the Review Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Total membership, 33,506. Net gain, 530.

S. Y. T.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee, on June the 8th, 1926. M.W. Bro. Fred J. Marien, Grand Master, presided. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present. Forty-three fraternal representatives were present, Alberta being represented by Bro. E. L. Urquhart, Medford. Distinguished visitors present at this Communication were M.W. Bro. Charles A. Donaldson, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

From his opening remarks in his Annual Address we quote the following:

"Throughout the history of the long centuries Masonry has been the warden of a priceless talisman which has brought not only to those who have possessed it, but to those with whom these have come into contact, a refining influence. Masons of all times have represented, and Masons of today everywhere represent, the best in civic and patriotic endeavor. Fidelity to home and loved ones, patriotism and righteous living are the result of adherence to Masonic teachings. Masonry has been the pulse beat in the onward march of civilization."

Regarding trial of Masonic offences by Commission the Grand Master says:

"Masonic trials by commission have, in my opinion, resulted in great good to the Craft. Thereby has been avoided the cumbersome,

unduly lengthy trial by the brethren of the subordinate lodges who were within the length of the cable tow. Brethren of good judgment and learning, who are unswayed by sentiment, have been selected by your Grand Master to constitute commissions for the trial of cases in which charges have been duly preferred against Masons for violation of their obligations and Masonic laws.

"From close observation I believe that trial by commission has resulted in the conviction and punishment of Masonic offences which might otherwise, in a trial by a subordinate lodge, have been unjustly condoned."

From the decisions and rulings given by the Grand Master we quote the following:

"Question: Is the ordinary member of a Lodge permitted to be present at a trial under the commission form of trial?"

"Answer: Yes. All members of a lodge of which the accused is one are permitted to be present."

"Question: A brother was suspended indefinitely in 1924. No action has been taken by the lodge but he wants to pay his dues. Shall we receive them?"

"Answer: No. It is necessary to issue a receipt for dues paid which would show him to be a member in good standing."

"Question: Knowing that Milwaukee is concurrent jurisdiction, Waukesha Lodge is of the opinion that any Milwaukee Lodge can waive jurisdiction over a resident of your city. Are we correct?"

"Answer: No. If any one Milwaukee Lodge waives jurisdiction over a resident of this city there are still eighteen lodges which may not waive their rights over said petitioner."

The Grand Master recommends that all subordinate lodges consider seriously the presenting of a Bible to each Master Mason raised.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Research we extract the following:

"Perhaps the most important work of the Committee has been done through the travelling libraries. We now have twenty of them in circulation. They furnish some very excellent books to the brethren, many of whom thereafter become regular readers of Masonic literature. Some of our lodges have started libraries of their own and we hope the time is not far distant when every lodge will have at least a few well chosen books."

"In every report we have urged lodges to have occasional lectures on some topic of Masonic interest. There are several brethren who are giving lectures and it is the intention of the Committee to devise some systematic method of promoting more of them. We suggest that at least four stated communications a year be given to a discussion of Freemasonry."

The report of the Masonic Service Bureau showed that 1070 brethren had been placed in positions of employment during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. Aldo Jenks. The report embraces about forty-nine pages and is made interesting by the views expressed by

M.W. Brother Jenks. This is the twenty-ninth report presented by this distinguished Brother. His reviews make interesting and instructive reading. Alberta receives generous recognition.

Statistics: Membership, 56,987. Net gain, 2,160.

M.W. Bro. D. H. Mooney, Oconto, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

WYOMING

Fifty-second Annual Communication, September 8-9, 1926, Casper.

Bro. Frank S. Knittle, Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary.

45 lodges. 7,723 members. Gain, 254.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened in Ample Form the Flag was received with the usual ceremonies.

The Address of the Grand Master consists chiefly of a brief resume of his work during his year of office. All of his decisions were approved.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund would indicate that there is a great deal of work to be done by the Home, and further that it is being done very efficiently.

The report of the Grand Historian contains an account of a visit that he made to the George Washington National Memorial, in which a vivid description of the Memorial is presented to us. A very informing and instructive address was given by Bro. Edward D. Edwards. The historical sketch of the development of Freemasonry is especially commendable.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal correspondence is presented by Bro. J. M. Lowndes, and is very full and ample, quotations being freely given. Alberta is accorded generous space.

C. V. B.

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